

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Sudan Decides

THE Sudan parliament has finally made the historic decision which has been awaited for some time past and has proclaimed the Sudan an independent republic. It is a clean cut from Anglo-Egyptian influence; a courageous action. To the Sudanese will go the best wishes of all their friends for the country's future success.

Two alternatives have confronted the Sudanese leaders—complete independence or some sort of union with Egypt. Popular sentiment has strongly favoured the first choice, and this has been reinforced by the knowledge that under British tutelage during the past half century, the Sudanese have become fully qualified for and capable of self-government. They have the necessary personnel for running the civil service and are thoroughly versed in administration.

Even the country's advance towards complete independence has been wholly evolutionary. The decision made yesterday was no snap one, born of a sudden emotion. Several factors and developments over a lengthy period influenced parliament in taking the final step.

THE first, and undoubtedly the most important, was Britain's willingness in 1953 to withdraw her rulers. The action removed from the minds of the Sudanese suspicions that the country would have to put up with a camouflaged form of independence. It gave the Sudanese a feeling of confidence and a sense of fitness.

A further stimulation for complete independence was provided by the deposition of General Nguib in Egypt. This helped to break what had previously been strong ties with Egypt. Nguib was personally popular with the Sudanese; his successor, Colonel Nasser has not the same appeal for them. The prospect of union with Egypt immediately became less attractive.

Nevertheless, the Sudanese leaders might have remained exercised in their minds whether to declare for complete independence or union with Egypt had not the Egyptian government grossly overplayed its hand in the Sudan, creating the impression that it was preparing to break the terms of the 1952 agreement. This produced a reaction of resistance and mistrust.

EGYPT can be expected to feel some disappointment over the Sudanese decision to claim independence and self-government, yet it is doubtful whether a co-ventured union between the two countries would have proved successful. The validity of ties between the Sudan and Egypt are not disputed, and it is necessary that there should exist good neighbourly relations. Such relations, however, are more likely to be cemented if the two states are sovereign and independent.

Sudan's new status is also calculated to give her a better chance of enforcing her legitimate claims on the Nile. The Sudan must have a fair share of the Nile waters, and the fact there has arisen friction between Egypt and the Sudan over the question emphasises the necessity for the Sudanese to be in a position to negotiate with authority for their rights.

Quite properly the British government has expressed its pleasure and satisfaction at the Sudanese decision for sovereign independence. Britain has made the biggest single contribution towards this desirable development. The fervent hope will be that the Sudanese will realise to the full their new destiny, and that their emergence as a sovereign nation will make a notable contribution to the stability of the Middle East.

ISRAEL'S 8-POINT PEACE PLAN

Reply To US Queries

DETAILS GIVEN TO DULLES

Washington, Dec. 19. Israel has given the United States an official eight-point Middle East peace plan, Israeli sources said today.

The plan was submitted to Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, before he left for the North Atlantic Treaty Council meeting in Paris last week.

Israeli sources said the proposals reflected their Government's known position but it was the first time they had been submitted as a concrete plan in response to official inquiries in Washington about Israel's intentions.

THE EIGHT POINTS

The Israeli proposals were:

- ★ Direct talks between Israeli and Arab representatives, especially with Egyptian peace envoys.

★ The mutual adjustment of frontier lines but no unilateral cession of territory by Israel.

★ The re-creation of Israel as the hub of the Middle East communication wheel. Israel would be willing to permit the Arabs to establish land and air communications on the north-south artery between Egypt and Lebanon and between Egypt and Jordan from east to west.

★ Israel in return would expect the Arab states to grant her similar land and air communications facilities in Arab territories.

★ Jordan would be given free port facilities at Haifa.

★ The Israeli government would agree to pay compensation to Arab refugees in the Middle East. Return of the refugees to their former homes in Israel was ruled out but the Israeli Government was prepared to accept the United States offer of a loan to provide the compensation.

★ Co-operation with the Arabs in plans for sharing waters of the Jordan and Yarmouk rivers.

★ The maintenance of the status quo in the divided city of Jerusalem.

ISRAEL'S CONDITIONS

Israeli sources reported that the Ambassador, Mr Abba Eban told the State Department that his Government firmly opposed the cession of territory on a unilateral basis or the surrender of the Golan Heights.

The State Department was also told the Israeli Government expected the Arabs to end their blockade of Israeli shipping in the area and that it would be desirable for Egypt to join with Israel in securing a Western security guarantee in advance of direct peace talks.—Reuter.

SHOOTING CONTINUES

Jerusalem, Dec. 19. An Israeli military spokesman said tonight that Egyptian forces attacked an Israeli patrol in the Kissufim area of the Gaza strip border.

He said an Egyptian force penetrated into Israeli territory and fired on the Israeli patrol but returned to positions on their own side of the line when the patrol returned their fire.

Later Egyptian mortar positions shelled an Israeli patrol, the spokesman said. There were no Israeli casualties in either incident.—Reuter.

CJ's ADVICE TO JILTED HUSBANDS

London, Dec. 19. Britain's Lord Chief Justice said today "it is about time" that husbands learnt that a wife's unfaithfulness was no justification for murder.

The way to "get rid" of a wife was to get a divorce, he said in sending Adam Nuttall, 42, to the gallows.

The Chief Justice, 73-year-old Lord Goddard, rejected Nut-

140 Dead 300 Missing SHOCKING FLOOD TRAGEDY

Beirut, Dec. 19. About 140 people were found dead in the streets of Tripoli today and more than 300 people are missing in north Lebanon in the worst floods in the country's history. Damage was estimated at £1,000,000.

Part of Tripoli, on the north-west coast, was devastated as the River Abou Ali was flooded by sudden rainstorms.

Squads of soldiers and volunteers are still clearing debris.

Cinema shows and radio programmes were cancelled and the Iraq Petroleum Company's refinery near Tripoli stopped work.

Company officials said work would not be resumed for five weeks. The country is observing 24 hours national mourning, ordered by the Cabinet at a special meeting last night.—Reuter.

HOMOSEXUALS IN PARLIAMENT

BREACH OF PRIVILEGE COMPLAINT

London, Dec. 19. A Labour MP today asked the House of Commons to treat as a breach of Parliamentary privilege an accusation by leading British medical men that Parliament contains "practising homosexuals."

The charge appeared last week in a booklet on "Prostitution and Homosexuality" by an inquiry committee of the British Medical Association. The church, civil service, press, radio and stage were also mentioned as institutions with homosexuals.

Colonel Marcus Lipton contended this might be a breach of Parliamentary privilege and said he had been unable to bring the matter before Parliament on Friday because of lack of a copy of the booklet.

TRIED AGAIN

The speaker of the House of Commons turned the issue down as a matter for immediate discussion because by Parliamentary rule Colonel Lipton ought to have raised it at the earliest moment and the booklet had been published last Wednesday.

Colonel Lipton tried again yesterday in "The People," a Sunday newspaper.

This under the heading "Vice in Parliament" alleged that the doctors behind the British Medical Association booklet knew of "actual cases" of homosexual Members of Parliament.

The Speaker said he would reserve what he had to say on the newspaper report as a breach of privilege until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Injured Soldier Dies

Nicosia, Dec. 19. One of four British servicemen, who were injured when a bomb was flung at them by terrorists in Limassol on December 14, died today in the British military hospital.—Reuter.

Jet Bombers In Mid-Air Collision: Eight Killed

New York, Dec. 19. Two US Air Force B-47 jet bombers collided in flight near Tampa, Florida, today.

The Air Force announced there were no survivors. Each plane carried four crewmen.

The Highway Patrol reported from the scene of the crash that six bodies had been recovered and the wreckage of the two aircraft was still burning.

The planes, on separate routine training flights, collided over a forest between a factory and railway yard. There were no ground casualties.



A B-47 Jet Bomber

Highway Patrol Lieutenant Jim Prater, who spoke to several eye-witnesses, said at least one airman tried to bail out but his parachute caught fire, and the jet plummeted straight down with his parachute burning all the way.

CLIPPED WINGS

He quoted witnesses as saying the two planes were flying at around 15,000 feet and that the rear plane moved up and clipped the wing of the second jet bomber.

"There was one big explosion, then several others after the planes hit the ground," he said. The secondary explosions were apparently caused by ammunition exploding in the wreckage.

Conflicting eye-witness reports earlier had indicated that one of the planes was a tanker and that the aircraft were in the middle of a refuelling operation. The Air Force said, however, that this was incorrect. Both planes were B-47s.

There was no explanation of what caused the collision.—United Press.

Worst Year For Strikes

Singapore, Dec. 19. The year 1955 will go down in Singapore's history as one of the worst years of labour unrest. Up to the end of November there was a record of 271 strikes involving more than 57,000 workers, and the loss of 800,898 work days. Financial losses resulting from the strikes ran into millions of dollars.

Last year there were only eight strikes. Labour unrest increased in intensity this year with the coming into power of the Labour Front government of Mr David Marshall.

It reached a climax in June when 98 strikes broke out involving more than 22,000 workers. In July there were 62 new strikes affecting 4,400 workers.

From August up to November workers appeared to have changed their tactics. During this period there were 73 walk-outs.—United Press.

Six Suicide Attempts

Tokyo, Dec. 19. Police reported six cases of suicides including one double suicide case, succeeded or failed, during seven hours today in Tokyo. Two women died. Three men and two women remained alive but were in a critical condition.—China Mail Special.

JORDAN PREMIER RESIGNS: SURPRISE SEQUEL TO RIOTS

Jerusalem, Dec. 19. Jordan's pro-Western Premier resigned tonight. He later ordered national elections following a wave of rioting against Jordan's proposal to join the Baghdad Pact.

The Jordan radio at Amman interrupted a broadcast to announce that Premier Haja El Majali had asked King Hussein to dissolve Parliament. The King agreed, the broadcast said.

The broadcast said Majali would put it to the people to decide at the polls whether Jordan would be in the Baghdad Pact.

Majali said he would resign immediately and let a caretaker government conduct the elections. The new Parliament would meet on Jan. 14.

KING'S WARNING

Appealing for peace, Majali said the people no longer need show concern about the pact but should await the elections to express their views.

King Hussein joined in appealing to the nation to observe order and tranquillity. He warned that he would deal "stringently" with any disturbances.

Meanwhile, passengers reaching Cairo from Amman this evening said rioters there were stoning tanks and steel-helmeted Arab legionnaires in battle dress, who were posted to guard main streets, Cairo reports said.

RIFLE-FIRE ALL NIGHT

"I had to remain in my hotel room for the last three days," said one tourist who refused to give his name. "There were riots and demonstrations all over the city going on all the time. I couldn't sleep at night because of rifle-fire under my window."

The tourists reported that all shops in Amman were closed, and that "all you can see in Amman now are army tanks, legionnaires and rioters."

Rioting against the Baghdad Pact brought a curfew in Bethlehem.

Reports reaching here from the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem said that demonstrators, some of the French vice-consul, M. Francois de Beauvais, from his car and attacked him with

Marshall Tells Eden Of Singapore Aims

London, Dec. 19. The Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden today said he "sympathised" with the demand of the people of Singapore for an early self-government, informed sources said.

During his 40-minute talk with Singapore's Chief Minister, Mr David Marshall today, Sir Anthony was reported to have "shown his interest" in the Colony's future economic and political development, and to have indicated his willingness to do his best for the people of Singapore.

Mr Marshall, according to another reliable source, conveyed to the Prime Minister the people's anxiety for an early self-government.

He was to have seen Sir Anthony on Friday, but the Prime Minister was confined to bed with a cold.—United Press.

Five Killed In New Ambush

Algiers, Dec. 19. French authorities here today announced that Algerian rebels last night ambushed two army trucks near Bone killing five soldiers.

Both trucks were burned out but most of the occupants escaped. They drove off the rebels whose casualties were unknown, the authorities said.

A patrol from a nearby garrison went out in search of the rebels as soon as the news was given.—Reuter.

SEARCH FOR ARMS



British soldiers in Cyprus searching a lonely mountain village for arms. They are seen here going over a priest. He is made to remove his hat during the search for arms.—Central Press Photo.

Union Leader's Car Blown Up

New York, Dec. 19. A car belonging to one of the local leaders of the recently united AFL-CIO Union was destroyed at Fort Wayne, Indiana today by a strong explosion.

The union leader, who was not in the car at the time of the blast, was unharmed.

The Fort Wayne police attribute the attempt to a faction of union members opposed to union leadership.—France-Press.

Decision Hailed

London, Dec. 19. Britain today accepted the decision of the Sudan Chamber of Deputies that the country should be proclaimed a "fully sovereign republic."

In a Foreign Office statement issued tonight Britain welcomed the declaration.—Reuter.

U.N. DEADLOCK MAY BE BROKEN TODAY

Yugoslavia Expected To Get Seat

New York, Dec. 19. United Nations diplomats predicted today that the three-month deadlock between Yugoslavia and the Philippines for a Security Council seat would be broken tomorrow when the General Assembly resumes balloting.

Yugoslavia it was said would be elected for a two-year term but there would be an informal understanding that she would resign in a year and allow the Philippines to be elected in her place.

This was the plan which the Assembly rejected on Friday night when it was proposed by the Assembly President, Dr Jose Maza of Chile.

Dr Maza said Yugoslavia had won a draw to serve the first half of the two-year term after both she and the Philippines agreed to the compromise plan.

British sources said that they were hopeful about the outcome after a weekend of private talks but the 20-nation Latin American group still posed a big question mark.

Seventeen members of this group met for over three hours today and afterwards said they were unable to reach agreement. They decided to meet again tomorrow on hour before the Assembly is due to resume balloting.

Neither Yugoslavia backed by Britain and the Soviet Union nor the Philippines backed by the United States has been able to win the necessary two-thirds majority in a record 35 ballots in the Assembly to elect a successor to Turkey.—Reuter.

Man's Heroic Act After Explosion

Paris, Dec. 19. Four workers were killed and two scalded by hot oil when an oil tank exploded in the control room of the Poona Electric Power Supply Company today.

An employee, who rushed to the back of the oil tank, rescued the two workers. He was his face covered in oil, but he was not hurt.

Poona and the surrounding area were without electricity for 15 hours after the explosion.—Reuter.

Red Sabre Rattling In Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 19. The East German Communists, in new threats against the West, said today that an armed Communist workers' militia in East Berlin was ready to fight alleged "Western provocations."

The Communist East Berlin evening paper B.Z. am Abend disclosed today that more than 5,500 Communist workers militia, their rifles slung over their shoulders, paraded in East Berlin over the week-end in a spirit of aggressiveness.

The Communist Party Secretary, Manfred Brechmer, "called on them to give an appropriate answer to all those provocateurs who believe they can intrude on our achievements from the Western part of our capital", the paper said.

The workers' militia, dressed in blue fighting combinations, paraded on East Berlin's Luxemburgplatz and at other Soviet sector points, the paper disclosed.

SMUGGLERS ARRESTED

The Communists have announced that the militia, officially dubbed "fighting groups", have been armed with machine pistols in addition to carbines.

"The fighting groups over the weekend plotted their readiness to defend our republic," said the B.Z. am Abend.

The existence of the militia in itself is a violation of the four-power rules for Berlin, which distinctly forbid the banding together of armed groups of any sort.

Meanwhile, the Communists continued to arrest alleged East-West smugglers on charges that they illegally carried food and other goods to the West.

They announced the arrest and sentencing of numerous alleged smugglers.—United Press.

HIS 11/- PIECE

Capetown, Dec. 19. What is probably the only 11-shilling piece in the world belongs to Mr F. Bousfield, of Sutherland, Cape Province.

It dates from 1899, when lightning struck a pillar containing three florins and two half-crowns and fused them into one solid coin. The mintage on the edge is quite clear, and the uppermost coin shows plainly Queen Victoria and the date, 1897.—China Mail Special.

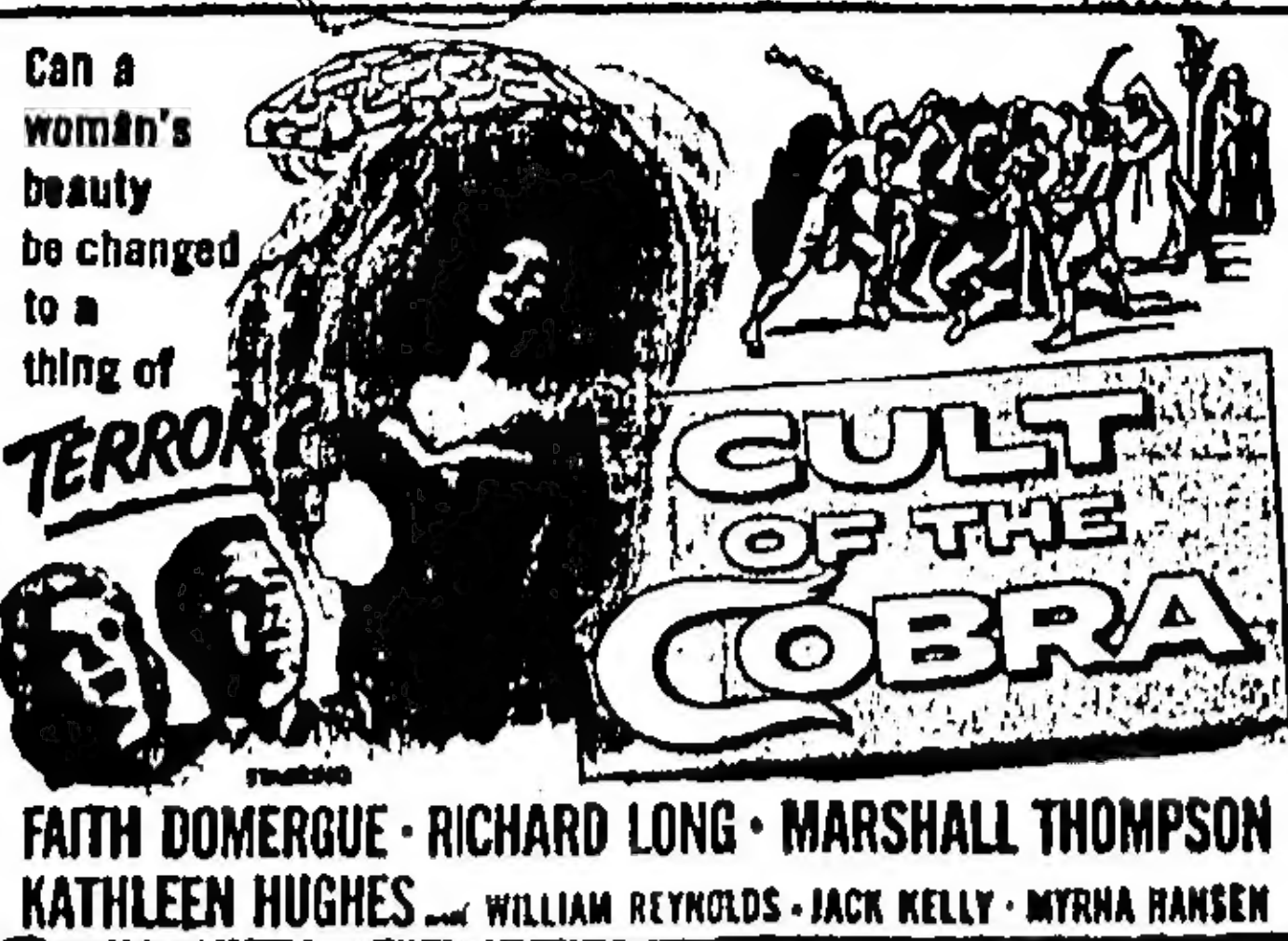
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WESTERN BIG THREE DISCUSS ISRAELI ARMY AGGRESSION

United Nations, Dec. 19.
The Western Big Three held informal consultations today on Syria's complaint against Israeli aggression near the Sea of Galilee.

A resolution expressing condemnation of Israel's attack was discussed in general form today. Informed sources said the final draft would depend on the contents of the report expected here tomorrow from the United Nations Palestine truce chief, Maj-Gen. E. L. M. Burns.

Ten Terrorists Routed

Singapore, Dec. 19.
When it isn't Communist terrorists, it's elephants, and Mr. T. Mendelsohn of St. Ives, Cornwall, at present manager of the Consolidated Eastern Plantations Estate in terrorist-infested Johore is getting a bit fed up about it. Special Constable Osman, who guards the estate, agrees.

Osman is in hospital after being shot through the leg by a terrorist. He heard a noise outside the perimeter wire and thought it was an elephant. He withheld his fire and a Communist terrorist shot. So far this year there have been 20 raids by elephants on the estate, and about 10 by Communists.

Early today there was another raid. This time the Malay Special constables did not wait to find out who was breaking through the wire. They opened up and routed a gang of ten Communist bandits, wounding one in the shoulder.—China Mail Special.

Pakistan Not Protesting To Russia

Karachi, Dec. 19.
Although Pakistan has no intention of officially protesting Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's support of Afghanistan in the Pakistunist dispute, his remarks were "an unfriendly act," a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Afghanistan has been demanding that an independent state of Pakistunist be set up to embrace a portion of Pakistan's northwest frontier territory. "If Marshal Bulganin was referring to the frontier areas of Pakistan," the spokesman said, "then he is meddling about with our internal affairs, which he has no business to do. There is no such thing as Pakistunist and neither is there any dispute."

The spokesman charged that "increasing Russian economic penetration" of Afghanistan had altered that country's traditional position of neutrality between its neighbors to the north and south.—United Press

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There appeared to be little sentiment in the 11-member Security Council to accede to Syria's demand for expulsion of Israel from the UN or, alternatively, to impose economic sanctions on her because of the attack.

The raid on Syrian Army positions on the northeast shore of the Sea of Galilee on December 11 cost 49 Syrian lives.

Several Sessions

The Council was expected to meet again on Thursday on the complaint but Western diplomats expressed belief it would take "several" sessions to dispose of the issue.

Western diplomats indicated the gravity with which they view the present case by pointing to the statement made on Friday by the US delegate, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., as "one of the strongest" made here by the US.

Mr. Lodge expressed the "shock" of Americans at hearing of the attack and declared any resort to retaliation or "reprisals" in international disputes. Although 10 of the 11 Council members—Brazil excepted—denounced the Israeli attack, the Council's approach to the question appeared to be affected sharply by the actual situation.

Concern

Diplomats expressed the view that neither of the "extremist" demands of either side would be accepted and that action beyond condemnation of the attack would be unlikely.

News reports from Jordan occupied the attention of Western diplomats today and the possibility that the Jordanian curfew might affect traditional Christmas ceremonies caused concern.—United Press.

10 Algerians Killed In Roundup

Algiers, Dec. 19.
Ten Algerian rebels were killed and 87 suspects arrested during the army and police mopping-up operations in different parts of Algeria today.

Yesterday, five French soldiers were killed, one injured and five reported as missing after a supply convoy fell into a rebel ambush near the mountain village of Yussef in the Bône region.

It was reported that the rebel attacking force—about 100 strong—was repulsed after reinforcements had been rushed to the spot. The rebels left a quantity of arms, ammunition and documents on the field of battle.

Two troops arrived in Bône during the day, bringing over 1,200 men to reinforce the French security forces in Algeria.—France Press.

ROYALTY DANCE WITH SERVANTS

London, Dec. 19.
Princess Margaret gave the first dance to a footman, Mr. Cyril Dickman, when she, the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, attended the Christmas party of the royal household staff at Buckingham Palace tonight.

But the Queen, who usually gives the first dance to one of the royal servants, danced with her husband. The Queen Mother was partnered during the dance—a quickstep—by Mr. Maurice Watts who is the Queen's page.—Reuters.

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I'VE OFTEN WONDERED MYSELF, DARLING, LETS ASK THE KEEPER.
GOOD MORNING, TELL ME WHY DO THE STORKS STAND ON ONE LEG?
WELL IF THEY WAS TO LIFT THE OTHER ONE THEY'D FALL IN!
PRECIOUS DROPS FOR PRECIOUS MOMENTS. CHERRY HEERING.



The zealous prohibition of cameras in the interior of the Hagia Sophia was lifted recently to allow Western photographers to obtain pictures of recently restored Sultan Sidi Mohamed ben Youssef during Friday Prayers. The Sultan is shown here at his devotions.—Express Photo.

Harding Meets Local Leaders

Nicosia, Dec. 19.
The Governor of Cyprus, Field Marshal Sir John Harding, today discussed the troubled situation in the colony with local leaders in the north coast town of Kyrenia.

The Greek Cypriot, Mayor of Kyrenia, Charilos Demetriades, told him it would be impossible to restore order until the political issue (the self determination demand) was settled "according to the people's wishes."

The Governor replied that he had two tasks—to find a political settlement acceptable to all sides and the restoration of law and order.

In Nicosia, pupils of three Greek Cypriot secondary schools went on strike today in protest against the use of batons and tear gas against demonstrators at last Saturday's funeral of a leading terrorist—a cousin of Archbishop Makarios.

15 In Hospital

Fifteen people were still in a Nicosia hospital today after the worst outbreak yet in the Cyprus disturbances when three bombs were thrown last night into a fashionable bar on the road to the airport.

Two Royal Air Force men were still on the danger list, while four other RAF men and four soldiers with slighter injuries were reported comfortable. An English civilian, three Americans and a Greek Cypriot, were stated to be doing well.

In Athens, Greek Foreign Minister Spyros Trikoupi said today he was "surprised" at reports that the United States had exerted pressure on Greece to solve the Cyprus question.

He returned today from Paris, where he met US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other Western Foreign Ministers. When asked about press reports of American intervention in the Cyprus question, Mr. Trikoupi said he did not know if the reports came "from those who wish to create additional discussions against the national interest."

Can Emigrate

"The United States, acting as a leading and pioneering role in the whole effort of the free world, naturally does not limit itself to the policy of a simple observer," he said.

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Saudi Arabia Demands Buraimi Oasis Settlement

Travellers Take To Drink

Stockholm, Dec. 19. Uniformed police will travel on trains between North Sweden and Stockholm to halt an increase in drunkenness among passengers, a spokesman of the state railways said here.

He explained that though Swedes were forbidden by law to drink alcohol on trains and drunkenness was severely punished, travellers had taken to providing themselves with "strong liquor" for their journeys since drink rationing was abolished in October 1—China Mail Special.

POUJADISTS ENLIVEN ELECTIONS

Paris, Dec. 19. PIERRE Poujade the anti-tax agitator is enlivening the French general election campaign which has 14 days to go.

"Commando" groups of Poujadists are harassing his political opponents particularly M. Francois Mitterand, former Interior Minister who has been bombarded with fruit and vegetables during his speaking tour in Central France.

The Poujadists who have put up candidates in about 60 constituencies have succeeded in breaking up Conservative and later meetings in the Vendee constituency in Western France by cutting off the electric current in meeting halls, blocking entrances and even locking up the candidates to delay their platform appearances.

Beginnings Of Nazism

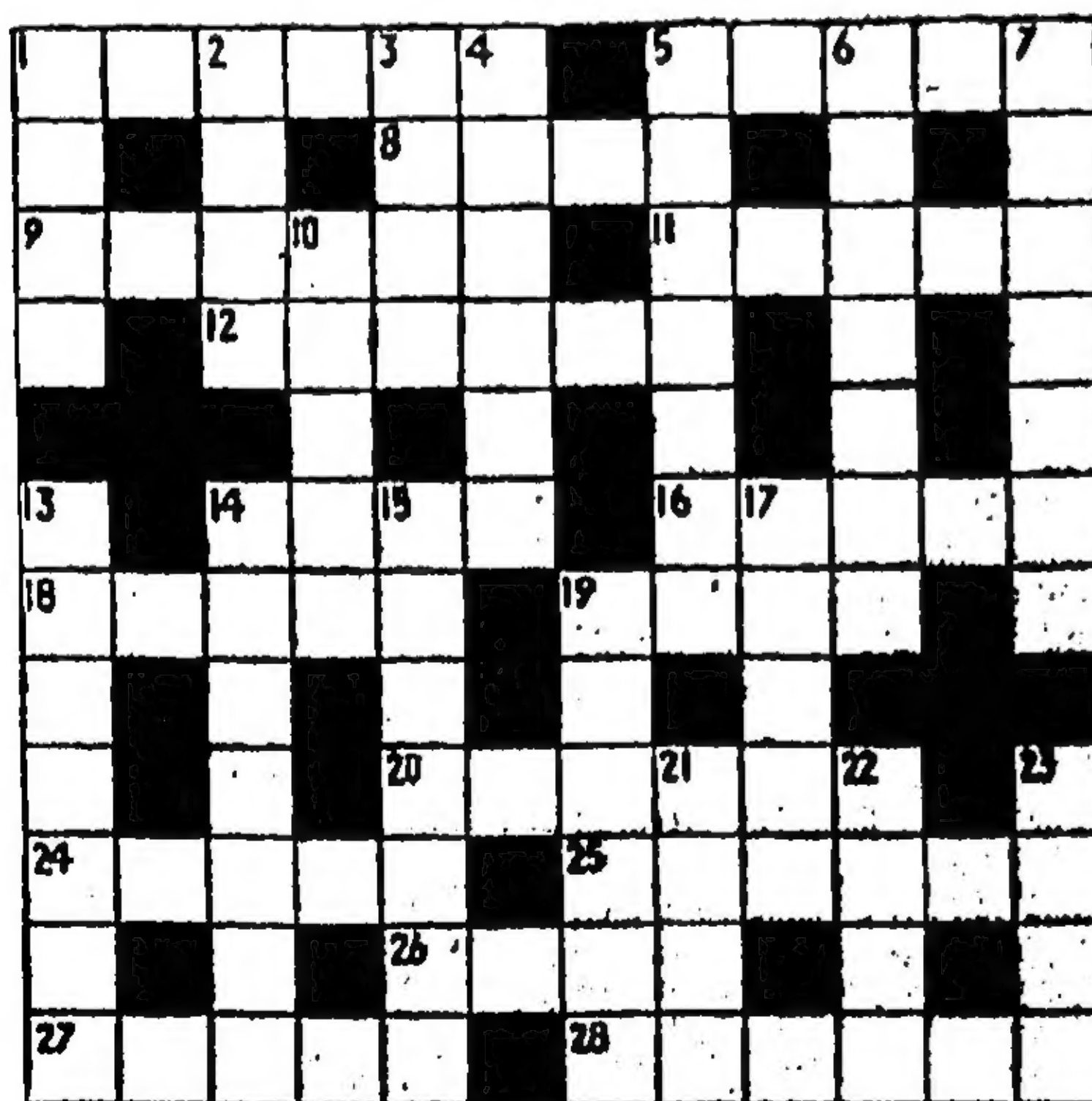
Their tactics caused one French newspaper to suggest that they "recalled unpleasantly the beginnings of Nazism on Germany."

If the election campaign continues to warm up it is thought possible that some parties, including the Socialists, may retaliate against the Poujadists with their own methods.

Pierre Poujade a 34-year-old ex-flight sergeant, who runs a stationery shop, leads the shopkeepers' anti-tax movement.

At a campaign meeting here on Saturday he said the government had been sending tax collectors to see the shopkeepers' backs long enough and "now we are going to see their backs."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Safe (6).
- 5 Fundamental (5).
- 8 Half-open (4).
- 9 Pure (6).
- 11 Likeness (5).
- 12 Lucky charm (6).
- 14 Resting places (4).
- 16 Vegetables (5).
- 18 Residence (5).
- 19 Repair (4).
- 20 In fact (6).
- 24 Capor (5).
- 25 Seniors (6).
- 26 Throw up (4).
- 27 Changes direction (5).
- 28 Looked after (6).

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- 2 Stuff (4).
- 3 Rodents (4).
- 4 Ousts (6).
- 5 Fragile (7).
- 6 Began (7).
- 7 Nourish (7).
- 10 Rescued (6).
- 13 Brave (7).
- 14 Braggart (7).
- 15 Portrays (7).
- 17 Finished (5).
- 19 Departure (6).
- 21 Bedtime (6).
- 22 Nourish (7).
- 23 Acquainted (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Furrow, 4. Grand, 7. System, 8. Fleet, 10. Lotus, 11. Relative, 12. Rabbit, 13. Sent, 17. Ever, 19. Deter, 20. Resides, 21. Dram, 22. Aspen, 23. Trouble, 25. Close, 26. Achore, 27. Dwyer, 28. Fustler, 29. Restores, 30. Open, 31. Released, 32. Kicker, 33. Coder, 34. Mariner, 35. Bait, 36. Tarragon, 37. Stampede, 38. Yeast, 39. Prod.

THREAT TO TAKE DISPUTE TO UNITED NATIONS

New York, Dec. 18. Saudi Arabia today threatened to take her dispute with Britain over the Buraimi Oasis to the United Nations Security Council if there was no "immediate" settlement.

Mr Abdel Rahman Azzam, former Secretary-General of the Arab League and now a member of the Saudi Arabian delegation at the United Nations, gave this warning at a press conference.

He told United Nations correspondents that Saudi Arabia was, however, ready "for arbitration or for any international decision."

Saudi Arabia and the British protected Sultanate of Muscat and Oman both claim the oasis on the Persian Gulf believed to be rich in oil deposits.

The Sultan's camel-mounted troops rode into Nizwa, capital of Oman, four days ago to re-establish his rule there after, the Sultan said, the defeat of a conspiracy of "disaffected sheikhs" aided by "foreign gold, arms and propaganda."

An attempt at international arbitration in Geneva broke down last September after the British member of the five-judge panel, Sir Reader Bullard, resigned on the grounds that the Saudi Arabian member had

Missionaries In India Reassured

New Delhi, Dec. 19. Indian President Rajendra Prasad assured foreign missionaries yesterday that the Indian Government has "no intention of curtailing their freedom."

Speaking at a meeting here marking the 100th anniversary of the arrival of St Thomas in India, Mr Prasad said the government intervened in religious matters only "when and if it suspects missionaries of deviating from the correct path."

He said that Christian missionaries, Indian as well as foreign, were "welcome to preach the message of Christ in this country."

"I can give an assurance to all inhabitants of this country that we do not look for conformity of faith," he said.

"What we expect is loyalty to the country, and not to any dogma or faith."

"As long as a citizen is loyal to his country he has nothing to fear from the government or any other, non-official, agency,"—United Press.

Protestant Women Happily Married

London, Dec. 19. Protestant women are generally more happily married than those of other religions, and only six per cent of British wives consider themselves badly treated, a British psychiatrist said today.

Dr Eustace Chessor, who claimed last month that his forthcoming two-year survey of the sex life of 6,000 British women would out-Kinsey Dr Alfred Kinsey, published his findings today.

And he said that by and large, British women have nothing to complain about.

More than 6,000 women of all classes aged between 10 and 60 contributed anonymously to Dr Chessor's survey. The 200,000-word work is as long as four average novels and will be published in book form next year.

Some Findings

Some of Dr Chessor's findings: Seventy-one per cent of married women said they were either "very happy" or "exceptionally happy."

Except for a minority of six per cent who said they were "frankly unhappy," the rest are "fairly happy."

Non-conformists are more happy than any other religious denomination—or so 81 per cent of them said.

Other percentages of happily married women—Church of England (Anglican) 72, Catholic 71, other religions 70.

A happy childhood promises a happy marriage.

Thirty-eight per cent of married women had sexual relations with a man before marriage.

Twenty-seven per cent of single women admitted similar relationships.—United Press.

Ike's Cold War Assistant Resigns

Gettysburg, Pa., Dec. 19. Mr Nelson A. Rockefeller resigned today as President Eisenhower's personal assistant on cold war psychological strategy.

He received from the President "my warm thanks for your devoted services."

Mr Rockefeller resigned for what he called "compelling personal responsibilities." He had discussed his resignation with Mr Eisenhower as early as last summer.

White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said Mr Rockefeller had been compelled to turn his attention to the Rockefeller family affairs which he had had to neglect since joining the Eisenhower Administration as Under-Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The resignation is effective on December 21.

The President also received a foreign policy report from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today and discussed atomic energy and East-West relations with Chairman Lewis J. Barnes of the Atomic Energy Commission.—United Press.

Common Foreign Policy Suggested

Bonn, Dec. 19. The rightwing Free Democrats reported today they had suggested that all three West German government parties back a common foreign policy in a move to patch up their coalition quarrel with the Christian Democrats of Dr Konrad Adenauer.

Differences between the two parties arose after Dr Thomas Dehler, Free Democrat leader, suggested that West Germany should negotiate with Russia for German reunification and that the Paris treaties binding West Germany to the West might be amended.

The Free Democrats in a draft published in their newsletter today suggested frequent coalition talks to hammer out a common foreign policy.

Proposal

Dr Adenauer, the Chancellor, had demanded that the Free Democrats should promise to back coalition foreign policy unconditionally until the 1957 elections.

The Free Democrat draft, considered by coalition parties at talks on December 13 also proposes that no coalition party should introduce a bill without prior discussion of all three.

If such discussion brought no agreement then each party including the small right German Party should have the right to act individually.

The new coalition talks are planned for January 10 when the Free Democratic parliamentary group also meets to elect its officers.

Party sources have said that Dr Adenauer's tactics up to now have been directed towards discrediting Dr Dehler, who has been attacked by some sections of his own party in the hope that he may not be re-elected as chairman of the group.—Reuter.

Canberra, Dec. 19. Australian Prime Minister Mr Robert Menzies announced here that an Australian battalion will be transferred from Penang island to the mainland of Malaya at the end of December.—France-Press.

Eisenhower Will Seek Greater Powers

By Scott Rankine

Washington, Dec. 19.

Officials here today said that the Eisenhower Administration would next year seek greater authority from Congress to adapt its expanded programmes for military and economic aid to the geographical shifts of the cold war for several years to come.

By this means the Administration hopes to get more value for each dollar of the thousands of millions of still unspent foreign aid funds and the 5,000 million of new funds which Congress will be asked to authorise next year.

Owing to the complexity of extremely expensive modern weapons and industrial equipment, years must elapse between the time that estimates are prepared on the basis of which Congress authorises expenditure and the time that the equipment can be delivered.

Difficulties

During that period the area of crisis to be defended or supported against Soviet attack or penetration may have shifted from one side of the world to the other.

The present United States aid has, therefore, to be treated as the content of a continuous pipeline.

This has created serious political difficulties in persuading Congress to authorise foreign aid expenditures years in advance.

There is already heavy resistance in Congress to increasing expenditures during an election year in which both parties are eager to present the voters with such popular attractions as tax cuts and balanced budgets.

But the difficulties are compounded when the Administration has to ask Congress also to give up some of its jealously guarded controls over expenditure.

Congress is always suspicious that a flexible pipeline not firmly fixed to a restricted objective may become a wasteful bureaucratic rat hole.

Greater Emphasis

But Administration officials are optimistic that they will be able to persuade Congress to co-operate in removing some of the present restrictions on how and in what area funds should be spent for several years to come, because of the growing alarm here at the entry of the Soviet Union into the foreign aid field.

For the next 12 months it is expected that greater emphasis will be laid upon aid to the Middle East to counter the current Soviet drive there.

But by the time the Administration's new \$5,000 million programme has been translated into actual goods and equipment, some time in the late 1956, the focus of the cold war may have changed completely, requiring special attention to Southeast Asia, the Far East or some other part of the world.

Incapable

For similar reasons the new foreign aid programme will not affect the Eisenhower Administration hopes of balancing the Budget by June 1956, and keeping it balanced for 1956-57, if this Administration is still in power since some of the new funds will be spent before June 1956 and very little by June 1957.

The fact is that "annual" budgets are ceasing to have any meaning for defence and foreign aid expenditures because the unit of operation of such expenditure is incapable of description in terms of a 12-month period.—China Mail Special.

Tribal Chief Censors Film

Entebbe, Natal, Dec. 19. The tribal chief at Mankanya, Swaziland, has "censored" a film of a local hit, known as the Ceremony of the First Fruit, because some of the shots displeased him.

The film was taken by a missionary, Miss Joan Scott, the only European woman ever to see the ceremony.

Miss Scott agreed to cut the scenes from the film, but will not be permitted to be allowed to be shown in the United States and Canada.—China Mail Special.

Queen Meets Students



Queen Elizabeth last Tuesday visited the British Council's Student's Hostel in London's St. Pancras district. The visit was in connection with the 21st anniversary of the Council. Assembled to greet the Queen were 350 British colonial students from this and the Council's two other London hostels. Shown chatting with Her Majesty were, left, 22-year-old Flanlay Williams of Lagos, and Miss R. Sekoni of Ibadan, Nigeria.—Export Photo.

LION LOSES WAGES

Chicago, Dec. 19. Little Susie Quigley's cat, named "Pussy Cat," at a Christmas party here has cost Togo, a performing dog, a few nights' wages.

Terrified guests watched Susie, 18 months, slip and fall head first under the lion. But Togo only licked her face and nuzzled her. Susie was taken to hospital with slight cuts, for which the lion may or may not have been responsible, but "authorities" ordered him to be kept under observation for rabies and he will miss his engagements during that time.—China Mail Special.

40 Cambodian Rebels Killed

Phnompenh, Dec. 19. The Royal Cambodian Army today claimed that it has killed 40 rebels and taken 32 prisoners in 27 clashes throughout the country since November 27.

The army announcement also stated that six rebel camps had been destroyed and that mopping-up operations were in progress in two-thirds of the territory occupied by the rebels.—France-Press.

Jordan Officers Visit Bagdad

Bagdad, Dec. 19. Seven Jordanian staff officers arrived here today for a ten-day tour of Iraq military installations at the invitation of the Iraq army command.—Reuter.

McCarthy After Zwicker Again

Washington, Dec. 19. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy prodded the Justice Department today for action against an old foe, Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker.

Sen. McCarthy contends that Brig. Zwicker, a decorated hero of World War II, may have committed perjury in testimony before the Senate investigation Sub-Committee.

Sen. McCarthy made public a letter to Attorney-General Herbert Brownell, Jr., saying that further delay in deciding whether there is a perjury case against Brig. Zwicker "will arouse suspicion and cause the Department to postpone its official consideration to interfere with the administration of justice."

Sen. McCarthy said that Zwicker, who served in the 1st Infantry Division during World War II, was "not fit to wear that uniform." This charge became an issue in the Army's court-martial of Zwicker.

The sub-committee recommended that the Army should not take any action against Zwicker until the Justice Department has decided whether or not there is a perjury case against him.

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Blood Purifier Deaths In France

Ministry Must Share Blame

Paris, Dec. 19. A POLICE medical report charged today that the Health Ministry must share some blame for the manufacture of a "blood purifier" that was allegedly responsible for 102 deaths throughout France.

Prof. Jean Lebrun of the Police toxicology laboratory charged in a 375-page report that the Health Ministry should never have issued a licence for the manufacture of "Stallion, a blood purifier."

And he charged gross negligence by two men who manufactured the "purifier," Georges Fouillet and Leon Decady, who go on trial next February for manslaughter and violation of pharmaceutical regulations.

Mothers Died

Three young mothers died within a few days of each other in a hospital at Nîmes in April, 1954 after taking Stallion pills.

In the next two months, Stallion allegedly killed 99 other persons, and made another 1,000 ill. French justice has been moving slowly to establish its responsibility.

The medical report charged that several documents were missing from the application for the manufacture of Stallion and that it never underwent tests before going on the market.

The reports charged the brand was dangerous to health and the making of the pills varied from batch to batch.—United Press.

Tug Rescues Ice-Bound Crew

Stockholm, Dec. 19. The 14-man crew of the British freighter Judith Mary were rescued by a tug today after a two-day wait in sub-zero weather aboard their ice-bound ship.

The 335-ton Judith Mary was one of some 25 ships which have been trapped in the ice in the Gulf of Bothnia and the Gulf of Finland since an early-season freeze hit that area last week.

Meanwhile, several Swedish and Finnish ice-breakers attempted to cut a path to five other freighters which are ice-bound near the ports of Lulea and Umea in Sweden.

The latest reports said that one of the ships, the Swedish freighter Ribersborg had been freed from the ice-pack and was awaiting a tug which would tow it to free water.

Seven other ships took refuge in the Swedish ports of Skelleftehamn and Pitea, where they must now remain all the ice haws in spring.—France-Press.

When A Dead Man Earns £165,000 A Year

By JOHN BARBER

DON'T be fooled by that Moscow "Hamlet." Don't gloat because the first English actors ever to visit Red Russia were cheered.

It was Shakespeare they paid to see. It's only another sign of the Boom in the Bard.

This year, Shakespeare has become really BIG business. That is bad for Shakespeare, and bad for the theatre at large.

Too many actors are tied up in the present Bard Boom. Recently, Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh, John Gielgud, Katharine Hepburn, and a dozen more. Result: New dramatists are starved.

Too many plays in the vast field of English drama are snubbed because the Bard did not write them. Result: the Old Vic (almost our national theatre) stages Shakespeare and no one else.

All wrong. And the worst sufferer is Shakespeare himself. The money pours in—but no one has yet exploited it.

How that money does pour in. Only now can we tot up the 1955 Shakespeare revenue. For now is the last of the most prosperous season in the history of the Memorial Theatre, at Stratford-upon-Avon.

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DOWN there, star actor and director Anthony Quayle says: "This season's gross takings are £165,000 an advance of £18,000 on 1954."

"More than a million people tried to buy seats, but only 370,000 got in to see the plays. For every customer who did, we had to turn three away."

For seven months, Stratford suppressed all advertising. The place simply could not cope with more customers.

Stratford-upon-Avon is a great success—financially. I said nothing about it artistically. Stratford has created no style of Shakespeare production. It merely fishes in the waters of the West End. It does not create stars: it buys them.

Magnificent and spectacular shows, costing £9,000 a time, are devised by the latest fashionable brains brought down from London.

There is no "Stratford school" of acting. The verse-speaking is often disgraceful.

Look now to London, the world capital of Shakespeare, with the Old Vic Theatre as his permanent home. It is entirely separate and independent from Stratford. The Old Vic success began with the appointment three years ago of Alfred Francis, a business man from Liverpool.

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DIG, talkative, soldierly Francis refers airily to the Bard as "Shakers," and says he knows nothing of art.

But there is an Old Vic style, stark, nifty, vigorous.

Above all, the Vic makes its own stars. It trains them in a school at Bristol, and in John Neville has developed a young man who can not only act, but also write his own plays.

The financial picture is more grim. The Old Vic relies on a Government subsidy of £25,000 a year.

It cannot spend more than £3,000 on a production, or more than £45 a week for any actor. Artists like Claire Bloom and Virginia McKenna drift away.

The theatre itself (I quote the Arts Council) is "meanly sited, obsolete, inconvenient." The wardrobe is in Covent Garden, the stores at Hampstead. The theatre has not enough seats (1,010) to be economic, and is so restricted backstage it can house only one full-scale production at a time.

Here then are the two big rivals in the Bard Boom.

STRATFORD: splendid, star-grabbing, but style-less. **THE OLD VIC:** inventive, a personality, but living on charity.

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I PUT forward a plan. These two great theatres should pool their resources and work as one integrated whole. Consider who would benefit:

• **Both theatres.** Stratford would share its wealth and its far superior ideas of showmanship—its cunning devices for making the Bard fun even for Americans from the backwoods. The Old Vic would contribute vigour, authenticity.

• **The audiences.** Productions at the two theatres could inter-travel and reach two different publics.

• **The actors.** The combine could tempt them away from films and TV with big two-theatre contracts—and double the number of parts.

The Old Vic pooh-poohs my plan. Says Francis: "We can manage in our own way, thank you. We've got things right here at last. A combine would be of no advantage."

Now for a surprise. I expected Stratford to sit snug on its heap of gold and snub me. Not at all. Stratford is interested. There you will find people who say: "In the last 25 years, 120 theatres have closed. Six touring Shakespeare companies have disappeared. So where are we to find new actors? How are they to train? How can we tempt them from films?"

The answer is to meet this crisis with organisation. Bright, new actors could be offered training, long contracts, and the finest roles on the stage. Its shows, with pooled workshops and brains, would be more economic, more efficient, more varied.

Money would flow freely. Soon the Old Vic could rebuild its theatre and become self-supporting.

In the words of Shakespeare himself: "Combine your hearts in one, your realms in one. With smiling plenty, and fair prosperous days..."



"Before I was reformed, if anyone had told me I'd be on this game for Christmas I'd have nicked his ear off." London Express Service

IKE ACTS... TO BLOCK THESE ATTACKS ON HIS MANY MILLIONAIRES...

THIS DESPATCH TODAY from Washington will cause surprise to many people who do not appreciate the enormous personal wealth controlled by the top officers in President Eisenhower's Government. This big money has now become a matter of big political momentum. The Battle of the Millionaires is on....

by SEFTON DELMER

WASHINGTON has startled and shaken me most since my arrival here among the Government palaces and pressure lobbies of Washington? It is the slap that President Eisenhower, newly back at his desk, has delivered in the faces of his "dollar-a-year men."

These are the little band of wealthy patriot business men who are making a present of their services to the United States Government, refusing to accept in return anything more than a token salary of a dollar a year. The presidential wallop takes the form of an order: "Business men serving without compensation shall abide by the same high standards of ethical conduct which are demanded of all Government officials."

Shrewd

AND the order then goes on to issue a whole series of regulations intended to ensure that dollar-a-year men serving with the Government's Defence Department shall not abuse their position to secure financial advantages for themselves or for the firms with which they are connected.

I will confess it is the last thing expected from Eisenhower.

For here is the leader of the world's wealthiest Cabinet loudly proclaiming an order with the almost Marxist imputation that: (1) Rich men are more liable to temptation than the ordinary salaried civil servants; (2) That as a class they must be reminded of their ethical obligations to the community and forcibly restrained from fraud.

But the fact is that the order represents a shrewd political move by the President to anticipate and disarm the Democratic

Party's coming election propaganda. He believes—quite correctly—that the Democrats mean to exploit the suspicion attaching to some of the contracts advised on by the Government's dollar-a-year men.

Prejudice

A CASE in point is the much-publicised role of dollar-a-year man Adolphe Wenzel as Government consultant on an electric power contract while he was connected with the corporation which was arranging its financing.

The Democrats are intent to paint the Republicans as a party of corrupt and selfish plutocrats imposing their own narrow economic interests on the country.

Eisenhower's Cabinet itself the Democrats mean to denounce on a class warfare basis as a Cabinet of millionaires.

The prejudice of America's vast mass of comfortably off proletarian voters, they hope, will be aroused to such a pitch that Eisenhower's millionaires will have to go.

Loaded

IT is a useful enough line. For there is no disputing that the Eisenhower Cabinet is loaded with millionaires. Of the 14 Cabinet and Service Ministers—they call them Secretaries here—no fewer than seven were millionaires when Eisenhower made up his original team.

Even today Eisenhower is still left with four millionaires in his Cabinet, after one little bother and another caused him to lose: (1) Millionaire Overta Culp, Hobby, from the Health and Education Office (the misadventure with the Galk and polio vaccine); (2) Millionaire Air Secretary Harold Talbot (trouble over contracts); and (3) Textile millionaire Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens (McCarthy trouble).

Among the ten sub-millionaires remaining, there are

several near-millionaires. Lawyer Foster Dulles, the 67-year-old Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Lawyer Herbert Brownell, 51-year-old Attorney-General, are both very wealthy men who had been drawing fat incomes from their New York law firms before they resigned from them to serve under Eisenhower.

The wealthiest, and industrially the most powerful of the four millionaires Eisenhower still has around him today, is 69-year-old CHARLES E. WILSON. As Secretary of Defence it is his job to decide on how vast sums are to be spent on equipping not only the American forces but arming some of their allies as well.

Wilson started as an electrician at a salary of 18 cents an hour.

In 1949 as head of General Motors, he was declared to be the highest paid company boss in the United States with a salary of \$60,000 dollars (£200,000) a year.

And this cosy income was further supplemented by rich dividends from his ample investments.

Steel man

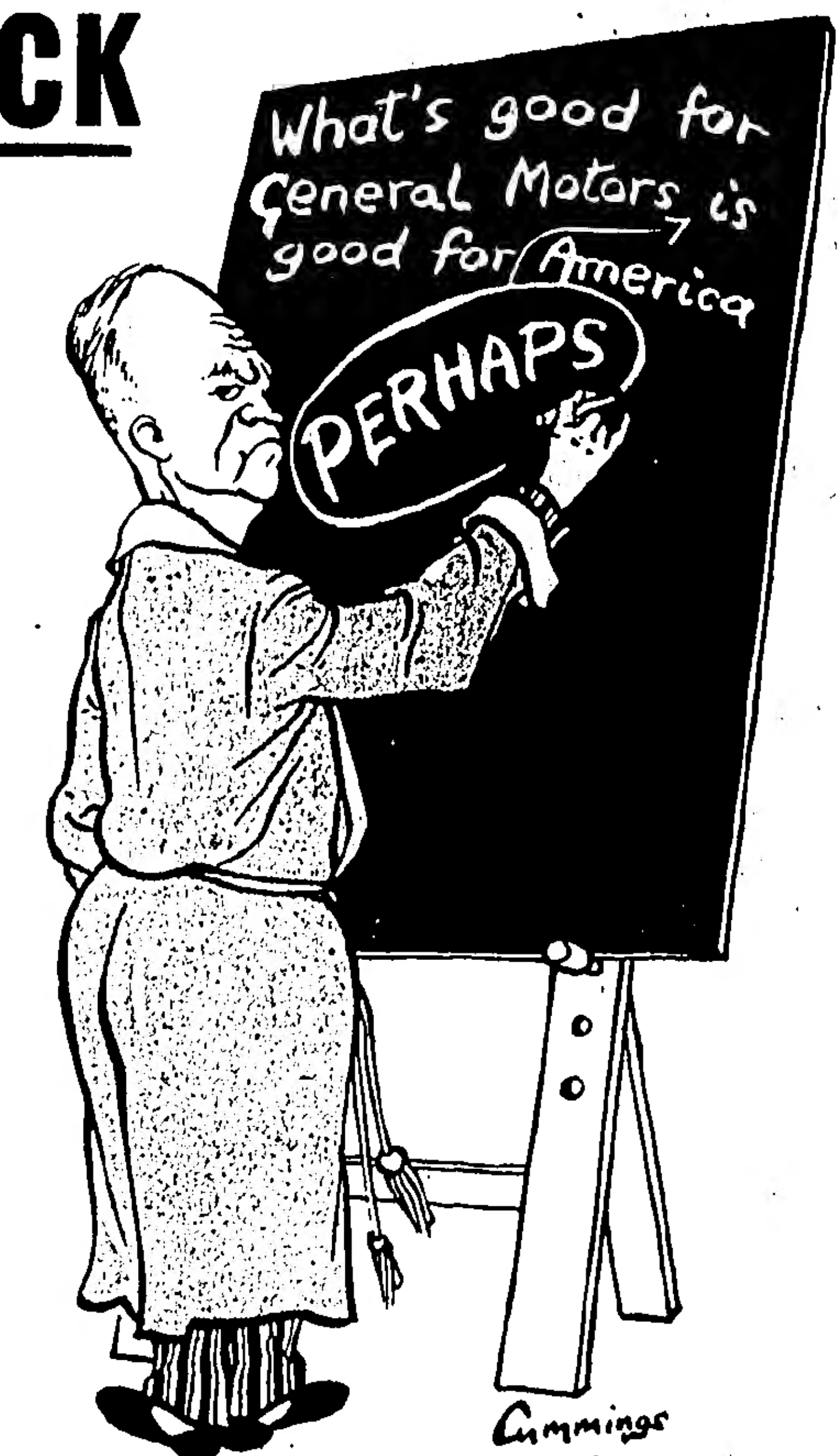
NEXT comes GEORGE M. HUMPHREY, 65-year-old Secretary of the Treasury. As the industrialist head of M. A. Hanna and Company, steel manufacturers, and other enterprises, he has built up a fortune running into many millions of dollars.

Before entering the Government he had an income of \$300,000 dollars (£107,000) a year. Now like Wilson he is just getting his official salary of \$22,500 dollars (£9,000) a year. "Peanuts" in the parlance of his Wall Street friends.

Fifty-six-year-old ARTHUR E. SUMMERS, the Postmaster-General, is the salesman among Ike's millionaires. He started selling things at the moment he left school at the age of 13.

By 25 he was a successful real estate dealer. Then he took on selling oil and later still, motor cars. He too is worth considerably more than a million dollars.

Sixty-two-year-old SUMNER WELLES, who heads the Commerce Department, unlike other millionaires, is also in the Eisenhower Cabinet.



had wealthy parents to give him a cushioned start in life. His family were big bankers in Boston. Welles developed the family business, added other interests. Before entering the Cabinet he was counted among the most influential industrialists in the U.S.

If anyone feels a spleen against rich men in the Government, Ike's team gives him plenty of opportunity to exercise it. Nor is the President himself any longer the poor, middle-class colonel he was when he first went to London during the war. He has made good money from his war memoirs.

Now does this galaxy of wealth around Eisenhower give the Democrats any right to protest? As I see it, only in the eyes of those who don't mind hearing a pot calling the kettle black.

For just look at Averell Harriman, the suave and elegant New York Governor whom the city's Democratic boss DeSapio is doing his best to nominate as Democratic candidate for the election.

From mother

HARRIMAN has at least a hundred million dollars. He got them from his mother. For her biography in the American "Who's Who" Mrs. Harriman herself penned a revealing note: "Sole heir upon death of husband to estate appraised at about 100 million dollars of which she is manager."

She managed them well. And when you've done with looking at the smiling Harriman look at the Democratic Cabinets which preceded Eisenhower's. They were not without their sprinkling of millionaires.

In Truman's team of 32 men there were six millionaires. Of 21 men appointed by Eisenhower

as Cabinet officers, seven were millionaires.

The truth, of course, is that in American political life there are millionaires everywhere. On the left, on the right, and in the centre.

Is this a bad thing? The Democrats apparently think that it is. The general public too suspect it. They fear millionaires use their wealth to attain office and then their office to produce more wealth—for themselves.

It is to meet this suspicion that Eisenhower has issued that face-slap order to his dollar-a-year men.

For the Democrats I have a word of advice—unpaid. I suggest that before they go too far in criticising the millionaires in Ike's eye they would do well to remove the Harrimans from their own.

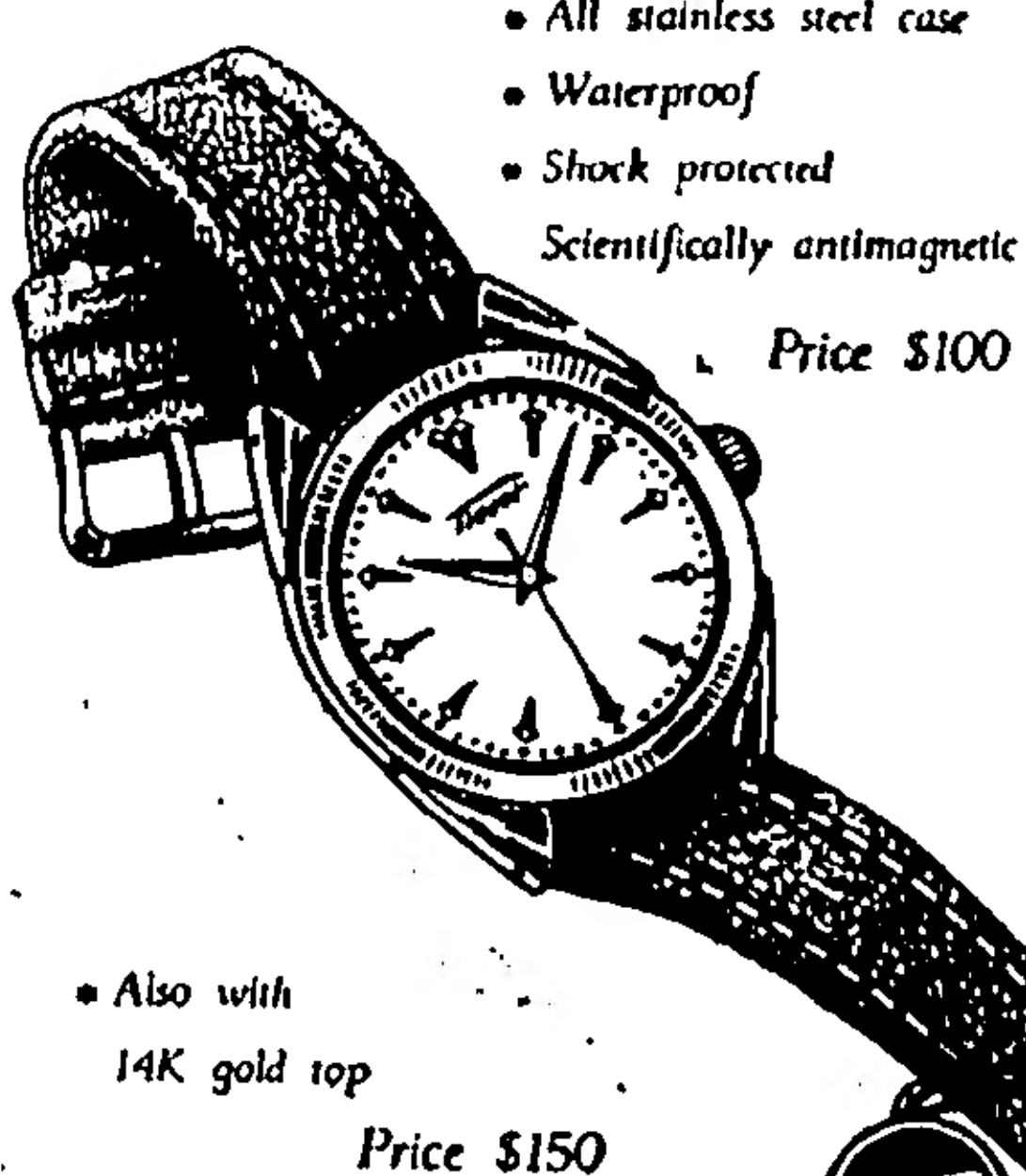
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by Beachcomber

DR STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht is convinced that there will be no more wars.

He said yesterday "Each bomb exploded by one country is a powerful deterrent that a more powerful bomb has to be exploded by another country. As larger and larger areas of the earth become radio-active, all destruction required can be produced by mere explosion and since each explosion is only an experiment there can be no talk of aggression. By the time it has been proved, experimentally, that one country has destroyed only the other countries will be impossible."

I let you into a secret

THE picture of a man hanging upside down on a gallows 100 feet above the ground in order to be a gift to another people is

shows "as Mr James Bone would say in my Christmas pantomime there is a breath-taking scene in which a wicked baron on a tight-rope balances with four beautiful mermaids, all on the same tight-rope, while balancing a seal on his head and keeping nine plates in the air."

Produce: It is and well-nigh impossible.

Myself: It is well-nigh impossible.

Produce: How is it done?

Myself: The theatre is 1271 feet above the ground in Utrecht.

Back to the music-halls

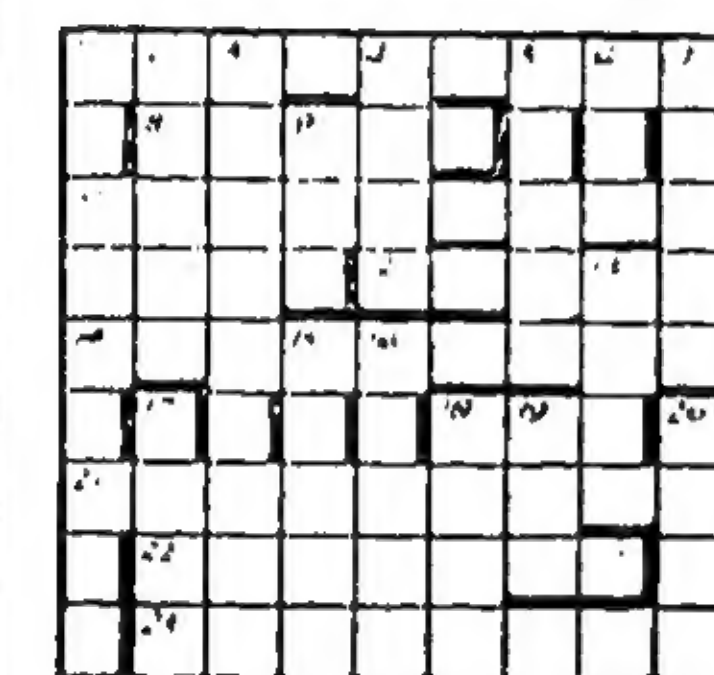
NOTHING, not even the pleasant but in foreign affairs, can stop the House of Commons talking about sausages. The Minister of Agriculture was complimented the other day for "trying to aid the cause of sausage." That phraseology of the Food Standards Committee looking at a sausage has been distinct among the public. The committee should be photographed giving a sausage, not cooking or turning away disapprovingly, and certainly not producing an unfortunate incident with their sausages. They should approach a sausage as an equal and not as a superior and not as a superior.

Le Hash

A famous chief unity the fastest and most profitable way. Dress up in chef's uniform, white hat and all and get yourself photographed with a plate of hash-brown potatoes. If you are a famous chef, it is how to handle the hash-brown potatoes.

(MORROW: How to handle the hash-brown potatoes.)

CROSSWORD



Across

1 Place for victory (15)

10 Jack Cade organized them (11)

11 The prophet who a withered staff (10)

12 "My name is Father" (10)

14 They play extensively in 1

15 A famous examination (10)

21 They have a connection with your hair (10)

22 It is the standard county (7)

24 They are raised by foot-house people (10)

Down

1 That house is long (10)

2 I down in on this lip (10)

3 One hundred before the tree (11)

4 It lies north-west of Grotto (11)

5 Old one might be a tall instant (11)

6 Shopping ones are often made up on Fridays (10)

8 It is a mystery (10)

11 Smiles (10)

13 These clothes are plain, but certainly not uniform (10)

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LOOKING AT SPORT

Pakistan Tour Can Solve England's Cricket Problems

Says DENNIS HART

Hope springs afresh for English cricket—in December. Recently the MCC 'A' team set sail for Pakistan to open their tour on Boxing Day. Officially their mission is a goodwill one, unofficially it may help England retain the Ashes next year against Australia.

For England, No. 1 in the world's cricket ranking list, still need two reliable openers. Len Hutton is more than doubtful and the men who did duty against South Africa do not hold out much hope. Only two opening partnerships survived the fifty mark; the sum total of the other seven was 43.

But included in the Pakistan party are Brian Close, Billy Sutcliffe and Peter Richardson. Any two could solve England's problem.

Zatopek Hopes

To Win 1956

Marathon

Bombay, Dec. 19.—Zatopek, the Czech locomotive winner of the 1955 London Marathon, 26.2 miles, and 10,000 Metre, events at the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games, and a Danish today, has been selected to win the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Game.

Zatopek, who is 33 years old, had little hopes of retaining his 5,000 Metre, and 10,000 Metre titles. Melbourne, France Press.

Italian Swim

Stars Set Two Records

Rome, Dec. 19.—Italian swimmers set up two national records here. Allen Eugenson, Gagli, covered the 100-Metre Butterfly Stroke in 1 min 11 sec, and Miss Paola Mascetti covered the 200-Metre Backstroke in 3 min 46 sec. Robert Lazzari held the former record for the 100-Metre Butterfly Stroke with 1 min 12 sec, and Miss L. Bertucci, the 200-Metre Backstroke with 3 min 46 sec. France-Press.

CRICKET HISTORY

Close is no newcomer to the international scene. He was rushed into Test cricket at 18, and made a comeback last season at 24. In the decisive Oval Test he hit a sound 32 to become top scorer in England's first innings of 151.

An impetuous left-hander, he is not the typical opening batsman. He is full of cricket, the bowlers more than useful off-spinners, but has often let himself down through making a rash shot.

Being a Yorkshireman, however, responsibility can bring out the best in him.

FAT PURSE

Has boxing seen the last of "Fat" Pugger? The giant South African this week announced his retirement from the ring. But what boxer needs the chance to make a comeback, especially with a fat purse dangling before his eyes?

Last week he turned his back on the boxing world of bright lights and big money, and he set sail for home, the more satisfying life of a Johannesburg farmer. I think it will be for good.

For Pugger's decision to quit boxing was no snap one. "I took it two weeks ago," he told me before sailing for home. "I didn't say anything then because although I was certain in my mind I wanted to have a couple of weeks to chew it over." Why did Pugger give up? He just didn't fit in to the set-up. "Boxing is all right," he told me, "but I don't want any part of it."

And about those fat purses? "There are other things in life," declares Pugger, "in a quiet but determined voice."

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Henry Armstrong is on the left in this flashback to his fight with Liverpool's Ernie Roderick.

KL Collegians Beaten By Police XV In Their Second Game Of Tour

By "Pak Lo"

Yesterday evening the Police XV aided by some Club members in the backs defeated the Kuala Lumpur Technical College in the second game of their tour by 14 points (1 goal, 2 tries, 1 penalty goal) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) in a fairly interesting game.

The Technical College XV were faster, and more dangerous looking when they got the ball, but the preponderance of weight in the scrums lay on the side of the Police XV, and it was seldom that the Collegians saw much of the ball from either the set scrums or the lineouts.

In the loose though they were always there to snap up their chances, but some good back-lunging by the backs contained them in the first half.

Johnstone of the Police was the shining light of the day in the home side, for he stopped many a dangerous move with a nice tackle, and his kicking was good.

The other outstanding players in the Police side were in the forwards where Shelley, Bryan and Forsythe were the best.

OLD POSITION Walker moved up to his old position of wing forward for this game and though he did quite well was completely overshadowed by his two opposite numbers, Ng Man-wai and Sivirajah, who both played magnificently.

The second half started in the twelfth minute when the Technical College were penalised for offside and Johnstone converted from the Tech 25.

Soon after MacCallum broke through to touch down under the posts. Johnstone easily converted 8-0.

In the second half it was again the Police who scored first when Benn got the ball from a scrum and went over well out. The conversion was missed 11-0.

Then the College opened their scoring with a beautiful try. First a nice foot rush took the ball upfield then Tan Cheng-lock who got the ball kicked ahead—gathered, ran, kicked ahead and gathered again—to whip through a baffled defence to score near the posts.

Lee Kam-pak converted 11-5. Then it was the turn of the Police. A nice foot rush, and the ball came to Parves who went over in the corner. The conversion was missed 14-5.

Then the Police got the ball from the lineout about ten yards from the Police line, and barged his way through the opposition to score well out. The conversion was missed 14-8.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Madison: Malaysian Indians v H.C. Indians at IRC, 8 p.m.
Athletics: Queen Elizabeth School Annual Sports at SCAA Stadium commencing at noon.

TOMORROW

Hockey: Malaysian Indians v Combined Services at Sookumpoo, 4 p.m.
Badminton: Malaysian Indians v CYMCA at Indian Recreation Club, 8 p.m.
Cricket: League: 1st Division. R.A.F. v Navy, 1.30 p.m.

BADMINTON

CCC Well On Their Way To Third Title

Craigengower Cricket Club, already winners of the Senior Division League titles, assured themselves of a third this season when they beat Chinese YMCA in a return match of the Men's 'A' Division by five matches to four last night.

Once again the fighting spirit of the winners was very much in evidence. After losing three games in succession, CCC rallied back by taking both the Doubles games.

In the sixth game of the evening, which proved to be the decider, CCC's Jimmy Khoo beat S.K. Wong 21-18, lost to Ramon Young 4-21; Wong Wai-hung lost to Chan Wai-cheuk 10-21.

Robert Tay gave up his game against Ramon Young to concentrate on the vital Doubles game to clinch the match by 5-4.

Results: (CCC players mentioned first). Singles: Robert Tay lost to S.K. Wong 20-23, lost to Ramon Young 3-21; Jimmy Khoo beat S.K. Wong 21-18, lost to Ramon Young 4-21; Wong Wai-hung lost to Chan Wai-cheuk 10-21.

Doubles: Robert Tay and K. C. Wong beat S. K. Wong and Sul Chuen 21-7, beat Ramon Young and Chan Wai-cheuk 21-15; M. A. Ibrahim and Wong Wai-hung beat S. K. Wong and Sul Chuen 21-12, beat Ramon Young and Chan Wai-cheuk 21-8.

The Men's 'B' Division final between CCC "Green" and Chinese YMCA has been fixed to be played off on Thursday at the Jewish Recreation Club starting at 8 p.m.

SPORTSMEN FETED

The Commissioner for India, Mr. B. P. Adarkar, and Mrs. Adarkar gave a cocktail party in honour of the Malaysian Indian hockey, cricket and badminton teams at their residence, 25 Cooper Road, Jardine's Lookout, yesterday.

The party was attended by a large number of people.

CONTINUING MY BOXING SECRETS

FIGHT I GIVE LONDON ENDS IN A FLOP

By JOHNNY BEST

Freddie Miller wasn't the only fascinating American I had the handling of. They had a lot of colour, these American boys, and their managers too.

Take Bill Daly, who brought Pat Lazar, Al Diamond, and Jackie Wilson across to Liverpool back in 1935. Daly, one of the nicest men in the business, brought his boys just like that—no contracts, no cables, no nothing.

He just arrived in the Mersey with his team, and when the immigration authorities discovered, just before landing, that they had come to fight for a living and had no contracts, they refused them permission to land.

It was only by accident that another passenger had got to know them on the ship, and, incidentally, knew something about me. This passenger signalled me the situation, and, of course, I fixed them all up with contracts—without knowing anything about them.

I took a look at the British records of these fighters of Daly's. When the same Bill Daly brought Lee Savold over to fight Bruce Woodcock he brought his fighter afterwards to box some exhibitions for me in the Liverpool area, principally among the US camps.

LEE'S BLACK EYE

Savold went through the lot with a lovely black eye. The GI's ribbed him unmercifully about that!

They were generous, the Americans. I shall never forget that Pete Reilly, when it was time for him to go home after Freddie Miller had cleared up, went around the stadium's staff of women cleaners and gave each a £1 note. The stadium cleaners were none of his business, but nevertheless...

And then there was Panama Al Brown, who came up here and fought a great connoisseur's fight with Tarleton.

Brown was walking in the streets one day when a couple of kids approached him for autographs.

He took one look at their clothes and buckled them straight away into a shop and bought them suits of clothes which he insisted on being put on then and there.

But the fight to end all fights so far as I was concerned was the one I made when young John and I went to London to act as matchmakers for the Greyhound Racing Association.

As I saw it, Ernie Roderick was the man to match with Henry Armstrong, coloured American holder of the World's Light, Feather, and Welter titles, although our Liverpool fighter wasn't the British Champion.

Jack Kilrain, of Glasgow, was the Champion at the time on account of his win over Dave McCleave, the Londoner. But when the fight actually took place Roderick had won the British Welter title from Kilrain.

From Liverpool Stadium I offered Armstrong £8,000 to fight Roderick and got a firm No from his manager, Eddie Meade.

Then I went to London, still fired with the idea of matching Roderick with Armstrong, a fight that, as I saw it, would fill Hyde Park, for the coloured American triple-title holder was a boxing phenomenon and Roderick was going very good at the time—good enough for the best in the world.

ALL OVER AGAIN

So I started negotiating all over again from the London offices of the Greyhound Racing Association, where I was now working with young John with the sole idea—in which I firmly believed—of bringing the World Welterweight title to Britain.

Brigadier-General Critchley was preparing to leave for the United States on other business, and I furnished him with every address I could think of, from the ineffable Nat Fleischer down, so that he could show some cash, and maybe, get us this fight.

The general went. He offered Eddie Meade £10,000—and the fight was on.

Getting back a sum like that was only the start of my troubles. Meade and Armstrong and Henry's family of wife and baby called in the Queen Mary, and I left in the company of some British newspapermen for Cherbourg to meet him....

British newspapermen, who included the present writer....

...as I well remember, to my cost. We arrived in Paris, and there we got nostalgically tied up with Jeff Dickson, who had some quixotic idea that it would be a good stroke of business to steal Armstrong from under the nose of the G.R.A. who, after all, had been among the other big-time fighting promoters who drove Jeff from his lucrative stance in the Albert Hall.

Jeff made such a play of determination to get Armstrong off the ship and into a quick over-weight match at the Palais des Sports that a G.R.A. representative who was with me left the lunch that Jeff had thought we were laying on, and made an immediate telephone call to London to have the legal chaps of the G.R.A. standing by as a protection for our fighter....

But Jeff was only kidding, and there was never any question but that Armstrong would get to London and fight Roderick, despite the threat to hi-jack him on the way.

We concluded the Cherbourg-Southampton journey safely and happily, and there remained for me only the headache of how to get back that £10,000 it had taken to lure the world champion over Britain.

Naturally, I wanted the fight in the open air, and in this I was supported by even writer that ever was. All knew that this was a scrap that would draw the town—and more than the town. But I was overruled in the matter of the venue, and one of the greatest ring battles Britain has ever seen was staged in Harringay, where it was a resounding financial flop.

And great fight as it was—Armstrong won on points—it could have been a better, for both fighters had had hands when they went into the ring.

There were odd side-lights to that fight. When I went to Clacton to see Armstrong prepare, I saw in action for the

first time one of his sparring partners, a boy called Chalky Wright, whom I had already engaged to fight Kid Tanner at Liverpool Stadium.

As soon as I saw Wright in action I knew that he was much too good for Tanner, and at the first opportunity, I advised the Kid to get out of the engagement any way he could. He wouldn't have it.

"I'll go through with it Mr. Best," he said, and wouldn't take no for an answer. They met, and you ought to have seen what Chalky Wright—who went on to win the World Featherweight title—did to the Kid!

NEARLY OFF

The Armstrong-Roderick fight was almost called off at the last moment when Mike Jacobs, whose promoting organisation had Armstrong under contract, demanded a 60-day return fight clause. In the end Eddie Meade drove all the Chicago lawyers from the room, saying: "Just leave Johnny Best and me here alone and we'll settle the whole thing in a couple of minutes."

We did. Queer chap, Eddie Meade. He kept on asking me about Ireland and found it very hard to believe when I told him that I never had been to Ireland! I still haven't!

"Why!" he said: "If I worked in Britain I'd spend all my week-ends in Ireland."

After that classic fight he still said to me: "I'll give you a return fight for any of Armstrong's World titles on condition—that you and I have a couple of weeks' holiday in Ireland."

Don't ask me why....but I never took him up on that.

NEXT ARTICLE

Jimmy Wash and other greats from the Stadium nursery. (COPYRIGHT)

Good News For Racing Enthusiasts—More Money From Totalisator

London, Dec. 19.

Good news for racing enthusiasts came last week just after the Duke of Norfolk had spoken about the financial troubles of the British turf industry. There is to be more money available from the totalisator.

First racegoers heard that the Racecourse Betting Control Board, which controls the tote, had won its appeal against the income tax authorities that its surplus should not be treated as profit and thus become liable to tax.

That means there should be something like another half-million pounds sterling for distribution among various racing and bloodstock interests, including prize money. It might be much more.

This should please owners and trainers who have been grumbling about their hard lot, and have an indirect effect on the ordinary turf enthusiast. He should now see bigger and better fields and it should give the racecourse authorities a chance to provide cheaper racing and better amenities for him. He certainly needs them, though of course the effect will not be felt yet awhile.

This victory for the Control Board comes after a battle of over three years with the income tax men. If they succeed further and manage to recover the tax already paid over a period of 25 years there would be a bonus surplus running into millions of sterling. It is rather too much, however, to hope for that. Hardly had racing fans heard

this good news than they were advised of the fact that a new company had been formed to let them bet away from the course on the tote for as little as sixpence a time and that two per cent of the turnover would go to benefit racecourses.

The new company, Postal Tote Services, will be run on a credit basis. The maximum credit will be £3 sterling and the highest individual bet £1. Sixpence will be the minimum. In other words it is a service for the man and woman in the street—the little punter. Operations should start in March.

Whether it will prove a success or not remains to be seen but estimates are that off the course betting next season should contribute something over £2,000,000. If the target is reached then the ordinary racegoer can look forward to cheaper admission charges, better toilet facilities many of which are at present disgraceful, cheaper and better catering and generally much improved comforts when going racing.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Tribute To Bob Pape

Sir,—As an impartial spectator, being purely a walker, will you allow me to stimulate the enthusiasm of those present, and the regret of not being there of those absent, regarding the truly marvellous performance on Sunday of R.H. Pape in winning the 10-Mile Road Race in 50 mins. 33.3 secs.

The sixth man in the Empire Games Six Miles race of 1954, running on a beautiful clear level track, would have taken 50 mins. 23 secs. to have run 10 miles had he continued—which he certainly would not—at the same rate of speed. The first man, the great Driver, would have taken 48 mins. 48 secs. on the same impossible assumption.

Taking Zatopek's world records for 10,000 Metres and 20,000 Metres and prorating the difference of 10,000 metres for 6,093.5 metres, and adding this to his time for 10,000 Metres—a very reasonable means of comparison—his (Zatopek's) time for 16,093.5 metres (10 Miles) on a clear level track is 47 minutes 30 seconds as against Pape's 50 minutes 33.3 seconds on a far harder course.

A last comparison: the best time for 10 Miles of Alfred Shrubbs, one of the greatest distance runners of all time, was 50 minutes 40.6 seconds, again run on a clear level track.

When it is realised that Pape had to surmount four times a steep hump 80 feet high and four times dodge a ghastly traffic tangle at Kowloon City bus terminus, it will be seen that his performance ranks with the best performances at any time anywhere.

Nor was it Burch's performance, though nearly five minutes behind Pape's, less than magnificent. Peter West, whose record he beat by 50 seconds, ranks close to world class: he was 18th in a field of 200 when Peters made the present Marathon world record, running less than 20 seconds to the mile behind Peters.

And the times of the next five runners—Chun Kim-hung, who was seventh returned 58 minutes 11 seconds—were also first class.

In athletics, Hongkong has certainly put itself on the international map by Sunday's performances.

G.S. KENNEDY-SKIPTON

(The fastest performance ever for 10 Miles is Emil Zatopek's 48 minutes 12.9 seconds at Stara Bolehrad, Czechoslovakia, on September 29, 1951. Bob Pape's performance on Sunday certainly ranks as one of the fastest 10 miles in history and is, for example, more than a minute faster than Jan Barnard's South African record set at Bloksburg in January, 1955 of 49 mins. 44 secs. and the Australian record, Barnard's, a noted distance runner, Laurence essentially a Str-Miler.

The Finnish record, held by Viljo Heino, is 49 minutes 22.2 seconds. The 10 Miles on track or road is, however, seldom run outside the British Empire and only the really great Continental stars have tried it.

One has to agree with Mr. Kennedy-Skipton that the course was a tough one. There is some doubt that the original 10-Mile course surveyed by Capt. Norman Phillips was being followed and there is a school of thought that road races make for faster times than track races, largely because of the lack of necessity for continually running wide of stragglers to lap them.

Zatopek's fastest ever race, it is sometimes pointed out, was in the Sao Paulo (Brazil) New Year's Eve Road Race two or three years ago.

The fact that Bob Pape beat a record held by such a great runner as Peter West by nearly five minutes is impressive, but West did not really graduate into near world class till a few months after he had left Hongkong.

Probably the greatest authority in Hongkong on the whole question of whether the course was a very hard one or whether road races make for faster times than track races is Bob Pape himself and his views on the matter would be very interesting.—Sports Ed.)

AN ERROR

Fourth man home in the 10-Mile Road Race on Sunday was Au Chung-ching, but last year's winner, Chun Kim-hung, who finished 12th. The numbers of the two were entered wrongly in the recorder's sheet. Au Chung-ching's performance—under 50 minutes—is probably the fastest ever by a Chinese for the distance. He holds the distinction of being an outstanding long distance runner as well as an outstanding distance runner.

WEIGH-IN FOR TITLE FIGHT



Dai Dower, the holder, and Jake Tull, of South Africa shake hands after the weigh-in for their fight for the British Empire Flyweight Championship at Harringay on December 7. Dower in his comeback fight won on points over 15 rounds.—Central Press Photo.

GRAND NATIONAL PREPARATION

Birch And Gorse To Make Aintree Obstacles Are Hard To Come By

Says VERNON MORGAN

London, Dec. 19.

While the people of Britain are this week searching the highways and byways for their Christmas holly (they have got to cross the English Channel to find the mistletoe), a squad of experts are touring the country in lorries looking for good birch and gorse for building up the fences for the Grand National, the world's greatest steeplechase.

Though the renewal of this famous chase will not take place until March, birch and gorse of the right type to make the Aintree obstacles the toughest and best possible are hard to come by. Mrs Mirabel Topham, the "Queen of Aintree," is therefore already busy searching for it.

While she is getting the course ready the equines which will have the doubtful privilege of contesting this tough four and a half miles chase are themselves showing their paces before the hands of the National Hunt sport.

Several of those given a chance of winning the coveted prize have already shown signs of their well being, including the evergreen Irish Lizard, the English horse with the Irish name.

GALLANT CHASER

Now a venerable 13-year-old this gallant chaser, who hardly knows what it is to fall, will probably contest his sixth Grand National next March. Twice he has finished third. Last year he completed the course again but was only 12th.

His age is against him but Lord Sefton's gelding has already won over part of the Aintree course this season and there are less unlikely things than that he should gain the reward of his noble efforts, especially if the going is soft.

Many and formidable will be his rivals, not only from Britain but from Eire, the land of the steeplechaser. Indeed the Irish will be bidding for their fourth consecutive Grand National victory. There may also be some challengers from France this time.

There is good news for National Hunt trainers this week. Newmarket, the headquarters of the flat, is to have one of the finest training grounds for jumpers in the country.

The Jockey Club have constructed a training ground circular in shape and nearly two miles in length on the land where chasing meetings used to be held during the last century.

Hurdles and fences have been erected to suit both novice hurdlers and fences and experienced jumpers.

The headquarters of the flat is indeed bidding to become the headquarters of the chase. It may well be overlooked that in just over 30 years six Grand National winners have been conditioned at Newmarket, the last being Golden Miller in 1934.

Though the National Hunt season starts in July it does not get properly started until November, and it is now at

AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD XI TO PLAY FOR ROYAL NAVY AND MARINES THIS SEASON

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Without ever hoping to match the professional strength of the Army and the Royal Air Force, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Football Association have got together an exceptionally good eleven this season. All amateurs, of course, only four of last season's players survive, but they have been unbeaten so far this season.

They are not so strong as they might be in defence, hence the 5-5 draw with a mediocre Football Association side at Portsmouth, but they have found a good goalkeeper in Stevens, who is on Gillingham's books, and they have an excellent attack led by Irish International Pat Hasty.

Two upstanding inside-forwards, Coates and North, and a tricky winger in Osborne are in this dangerous forward line. Coates is the son of former Amateur International Rigger Coates. Then in the halfback line there is another England player in Dennis Cutbush.

Oddly for an high-scoring ten-goal match was that the FA equalised five times and were never more than one goal in arrears. Three times the levelling goal was scored by Albert Biggs, Hounslow Town's centre-forward and twice by Mike Stewart, the Surrey County professional cricketer who plays for Corinthian-Casuals.

It, however, was a disappointing FA team even if it did contain seven English Amateur Internationals. Only two of them are currently being considered for the England team—Dexter Adams (London) and Pat Neil (Portsmouth)—and one felt that there was an opportunity of getting the probable Olympic team together and giving them some match practice.

TIME OFF

The explanation of the FA official in charge of the party was that the leading players could not find it convenient to take time off. Yet one of the FA players, outside-right Frank McKenna, came from far-off North Shields, and right-half Eddie Harper, son of the old Arsenal, Plymouth and Scottish International goalkeeper, travelled up from North Devon. As the majority of the present England eleven are drawn from the London area the excuse is pretty thin.

The Secretary of the Navy FA, Commander Emil Becham, told me that a new Hampshire FA rule stipulates that a player is barred from appearing for the county unless he is playing for a club inside the County FA's jurisdiction. Or by birth qualification, of course.

Thus an Irishman, Pat Hasty, is eligible to play for Hampshire because he is on the books of a naval unit playing in the Portsmouth League, but Hampshire is denied the services of an old stalwart, International Dennis Cutbush because he is playing for Salisbury. Salisbury are no longer a Hampshire County League side, but a Western League club, and the

change means that Cutbush is out of the County eleven. Seems silly to me.

Horas for courses may be an axiom which runs true on the Turf, but is a phrase of little use in the world of Soccer, football form being what it is. Nevertheless, horses for courses recurs with amazing frequency when Aston Villa play Tottenham Hotspur. Six times have the sides met at Villa Park since the last War, six times different elevens have faced each other, and six times have Spurs won away from home.

To add to this curious record, Villa have never won at White Hart Lane since League football was resumed. They have just two draws to their credit (?) in six games. No matter how badly Spurs are faring the results are the same. There has not been a worse Spurs' side than the present one for years, but still they were victorious at Villa Park.

TRADITION

It is said to see a club with the tradition that is Aston's doing so poorly. Even Dave Hickson, £22,000 centre-forward-bought from Everton, scored only one goal in 12 matches with them and stayed but seven weeks. When I was there for the Spurs' match manager Eric Houghton was away hoping to spend some of the thousands he got for Hickson on a famous inside-forward. I understand he was looking at

International Jackie Sewell, of Sheffield Wednesday, record transfer holder at £34,000.

Yet there is still hope for Villa. This season they started a sixth eleven of local youths. They have been pitted against business houses' sides much older than themselves, and they have won eight of their nine games, with the other one a goalless draw. Their goal average is impressive, to say the least—77 for and five against. They are all under seventeen years of age, and two of their number are sons of former players—Jimmy Easson and Arthur Cobley.

What a handicap "foreigners" play under in English football. Recently John Charles was forced to play a "friendly" floodlight match for his club, Leeds United, 48 hours before he was due to appear in Glasgow for Wales in a "key" international against Scotland. Home Internationals are excused a week's play before re-presenting England.

After the Villa-Spurs match centre-half Con Martin had to dash from the field, catch a train to Liverpool, then the night boat to Dublin and play the same afternoon for Eire against Spain. His train picked up his teammates Farrell, Eglinton and O'Neill (all of Everton) at Wolverhampton.

Four others converged on Dublin after Saturday's Football League matches, yet Eire drew 2-2.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Japanese Skiers Aim To Bring Home Gold, Silver And Bronze Medals

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

Japan's ten-strong team for the Winter Olympic Games at Cortina, Italy next month are aiming high. They have trained their sights on at least two Gold Medals in the slalom skiing, and hope to take home Silver and Bronze Medals in the men's 500 and 1,500 Metres speed skating events.

Chief hopes centre on 24-year-old Chiharu Igaya, who earned a five-star rating as a skier while a student in the United States.

Igaya competed successfully in the All-American Inter-College Ski Championships in New Hampshire this year, and is used to top class opposition. He represented his country at the 1952 Games in Oslo, and is the sole member of the Japanese team with previous Olympic experience.

But dark-horse of the team is 24-year-old Koichi Sato, who won the All-Japan amateur skiing Championships this year.

He will compete in the downhill and jumping events.

Japan's Amateur Athletic Association say the number of athletes they hoped to send to the Games has been cut by more than half because of lack of funds. They had originally planned to send an ice hockey team and two figure skaters, but the Government allowance of 4,250,000 Yen (about £4,250) made this virtually impossible.

Football Pools

The officials added however, that money from football pools and donations by various sports organisations had made it possible for Japan to enter all the men's skiing and speed skating events.

The speed skating team has been training under coach Kuno Nando in Japan's Northern-most island, Hokkaido, since November and is expected to leave for Italy on January 8. The team is Kyotaka Takemura, Shinkichi Takemura, Yoshitake Hori, Yoshiyuki Gomi and Takeji Asanaka.

Two observers will travel with the skaters—Asaka Hasegawa, Japan's figure skating champion, and Kenichi Konishi, Chairman of Japan's Amateur Ice Hockey Association—New-

Yorkers have the potential but lack the experience. Lindwall is more optimistic and says Australia should be able to select a strong team from the material offered.

Lord Willoughby de Broke is the new senior steward of the Jockey Club. He takes over from the Duke of Norfolk who has completed his term of office. The other stewards are Lord Howard de Walden and the Earl of Sefton.—London Express Service.

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NAV BHARAT WIN

The Nav Bharat team lowered the colours of the Kuala Lumpur Technical College hockey team by winning by two goals to one at Batu Kuning yesterday. Bhagat Singh, the Nav Bharat player, scored both goals.

Nav Bharat's captain, Bal, the team's star forward, scored the last moving winger.

Dai Dower Promises To Appear For Local Promoters In Wales

Dai Dower, who retained his Empire Flyweight title by outpointing Jake Tull at Harringay on December 6, has promised to appear for local promoters in Wales. In the meantime, Jack Solomons is again trying to persuade World Flyweight Champion Pascual Perez of Argentina to defend his title against Dower.

Gordon Wallace, the Canadian who knocked out Randolph Turpin, is challenging Pat McAteer for his Empire Middleweight title. McAteer is at present recovering from a broken hand. Meanwhile Wallace says he is ready to fight any British Middleweight.

Peter Waterman, just 21, and therefore eligible under British Boxing Board rules for a crack at the British Welterweight Championship, will meet Wally Thom for the title at Harringay on February 7. Waterman, described as one of Britain's best young boxers, was told the news by Jack Solomons at his 21st birthday party in London last week.

Lord Rees, Britain's Ryder Cup captain, with two other members of the team based in the United States, Ken Bousfield and John Jacobs, have been co-opted as members of the Professional Golfers' Association tournament committee. This committee will be responsible for all matters concerning tournament organization next year.

NEW PACES

Ray Lindwall and Keith Miller topped the selection of new faces for the Australian cricket tour of England next summer. Barry Miller, 23, and

Ice Hockey Results

London, Dec. 19.
Harringay Racers the London Ice Hockey team were beaten 1-0 by the Czechoslovak national side in Brno today, Prague Radio reported.

Moscow, Dec. 19.
Russia's "B" team beat Switzerland's national side by nine goals to nil in an ice hockey match here tonight, according to Tass, the Soviet News Agency.

The match at the Dynamo Stadium, was the second between the two countries—Russia.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 19.
Cotton futures moved irregularly today in slow dealings.

The last ruled six points higher to 10 points lower. The market opened six higher to seven lower. New Orleans futures finished one point higher to seven points lower on bid prices.

Nearly months moved up as much as 80 cents a bale in early dealings as trade buying absorbed hedging and liquidation, and new crop months moved on bid prices.

The firm and solid market in Memphis and Atlanta was few though some sales were made for prompt and bid prices.

The certified cotton in New York was 72 bales to 10,000 bales. Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
Dec	30,100	429,700
Jan	30,100	433,100
Feb	15,100	235,000
Mar	10,000	189,100
Apr	4,200	124,900
May	800	47,300
Jun	800	12,300
Total	109,500	1,501,200

NEW YORK
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

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LIVERPOOL
Closings in pence per lb were as follows:

Month	Price
Dec	29.40
Jan	29.40
Feb	29.40
Mar	29.40
Apr	29.40
May	29.40
Jun	29.40
Jul	29.40
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Nov	29.40
Dec	29.40

SAO PAULO
Futures closing in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Month	Price
Dec	27.40
Jan	27.40
Feb	27.40
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Apr	27.40
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Nov	27.40
Dec	27.40

In the US the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 33.76 cents. Sales totalled 40,956 bales.—United Press

New York Sugar Market

New York, Dec. 19.
World No. 4 sugar futures closed one to three points lower with sales of 15 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to one point lower with sales of 150 contracts.

Both the world and domestic futures markets ran their usual courses as the quota news received on Friday failed to stir up any activity.

Contract No. 4 (world)
Contract No. 6 (Cuba)

Month	Price
Dec	3.14
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Spot—cents per lb. (Cuba)
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1955—Britain's Best Year
MORE OF EVERYTHING AND FULL EMPLOYMENT GAVE HIGHER LIVING STANDARD

From Our Economic Correspondent

London, Dec. 19.

Whatever doubts economists may entertain about the trend of British economy the average man—if he thinks about such things at all—can look back on 1955 as the best year of his life.

Reviewing the scene from his viewpoint the outstanding feature of the year was the fullness of employment. It is fair to say that unemployment—in the sense that able-bodied men are unable to obtain work if they want it—is virtually non-existent in Britain today.

Probably a half of the working population had wage increases amounting overall to £4.7 million a week or eight shillings per head. And although most of this extra money was absorbed by higher prices there was something left over to increase the real consumption.

The nation as a whole consumed last year more goods and services in the first half of the year than in the same period of 1954. Average consumer prices were higher by some three or four per cent, but actual expenditure was higher by seven per cent.

According to a Treasury report by far the biggest rate of increase in the first quarter of the year was a 14 per cent

increase in the quantity of household goods. This rise slowed down to about four per cent in the second quarter and in the third quarter no more household goods were purchased than in the same period of 1954.

Increases in purchases of clothing and footwear over a year earlier was just under three per cent in the first half year. The amount of food bought was four and a half per cent in the first quarter and by three per cent in the second, while consumption of fuel and light rose rather more. Bigger car sales accounted for part of the six per cent increase in consumption of other goods and services.

Later figures for consumption are not yet available, but preliminary estimates suggest that the general upward trend was maintained though certain distinctions were appearing. Conditions owing to the credit "squeeze" later in the year.

Output increased five per cent in the first nine months of the year, partly as a result of higher productivity. According to the Treasury it would appear that output per man has risen on average by about three per cent. This was less than in 1954 and other good postwar years, but about average since 1948.

Summing Up

So far we have been looking at the British economy from the average man's point of view. To sum up, he had secure employment, he worked harder and earned more, and despite higher prices he consumed more. On the whole a pretty good year.

From another viewpoint however, there was a less happy state of affairs.

Despite a warm summer and a June railway strike coal consumption in the first 45 weeks of the year increased by 800,000 tons. But coal output was lower by some three million tons.

To all this gap between consumption and production and to the building up of stocks eight million tons had to be imported. This alone added £5 million a month to the national import bill in the first nine months of the year; and steel and non-ferrous metal imports added another £2.5 million a month. Together these three items added accounted for over one third of 15 per cent increase in imports.

Chemicals Gain
Additional exports were able to fill only part of the big gap which opened up in Britain's balance of trade. In the first nine months of the year the volume of exports was up six per cent at prices averaging 12 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Chemical industries made the biggest gain in a sales abroad with an increase of 14 per cent, while metal using trades secured an eight per cent increase in value of their exports of machinery and electrical goods and a slightly smaller increase in exports of road vehicles and aircraft.

The textile industry experienced mixed fortunes. Four per cent of the year's total exports of cotton goods were down by 14 per cent, while textiles made of synthetic fibres were down lower by 10 per cent.

Another significant change in the industrial front was the enormous increase in investment in new factories and plant. The area of industrial building started in the first half of the year was two-thirds higher than a year earlier, and production of metal working machine tools for the home market was higher in value by 16 per cent. With order books growing a good deal faster than machine tool production orders on hand at mid-year, were higher by 32 per cent, while approvals for factory buildings by the end of September were up 43 per cent.

Main Factor
It was this factor more than any other which accounted for the persistent drift towards inflation during 1955 and forced the government to adopt measures to keep industrial expansion within manageable limits.

At the close of 1955 British economy is in a state of conflict with government's credit squeeze pitted against forces of inflation. On the outcome of this struggle will depend whether Britain's economy continues to expand by sale and day stages or degenerates into a self-defeating free-for-all with prices and wages spiralling—London Express Service.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$850,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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Planes Take Off For Antarctica

Wellington, Dec. 20.
The first planes ever to fly to Antarctica from an outside land mass took off from Christchurch before dawn today.

They were two American Neutrinos, the first of eight planes to start the flight.

Their destination is McMurdo Sound in Antarctica where an advance party has cleared an 8,000-foot icefield airstrip.

All along the flight route, eight ships of the American Antarctic expedition are stationed at intervals to guide the aircraft by radio.

The flight was started at dawn to allow extra flying time in daylight in case any of the planes has to turn back.

There will be no light problem at the other end of the 14-hour flight, as there is now continuous daylight in the Antarctic.

At take off time the weather forecast for the whole trip was good.

The flight is part of "Operation Deep Freeze," America's contribution to the international geophysical year of Antarctic exploration and research.

TOTAL RAIN

A further 21 inch of rain fell from midnight to noon today, the Royal Observatory reports. This made a total of 80 inch in the last 36 hours.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK Morning After

MARION'S pleasure at finding a bench provided in the dock at Bow Street was like that of a woman in a crowded tube, whose delight in finding gallantry still existing, is tempered by the discovery that the man whose seat she has been offered was leaving it anyway.

Marion's relief was tempered by the grocer's instruction, as she dropped on to the narrow bench. "Stand up, please," said the grocer.

"Oh no, I'm tired, I've got to sit," Marion pleaded.

"Stand up," said the grocer.

Marion, a woman in her middle thirties, perhaps, but no more, she subsided on to the bench again.

"Stand up, please, there's another chair," said the grocer.

"I'm too weary to stand," said Marion, an hour later, and she was sitting on the bench, looking at the clock. "You were drunk and disorderly on September 15, and you admit you were liable to appear here next day, and failed to."

"I was having a baby," said Marion, with finality.

The magistrate, Mr. Bertman, called for evidence. A young policeman went into the witness box.

VILE WORDS

"THIS woman was staggering and trying to board a bus in Whitehall at 11 o'clock last night," said the policeman.

"She was singing very insulting language, and the conductor would not let her on board."

"What sort of insulting language?" asked the magistrate.

"Vile words," the young policeman answered.

"But what words?"

"She said so-and-so, so-and-so to police."

The magistrate wrote down the words.

He asked Marion if she had any questions to ask.

I WAS IN NO MOOD

"PAUL," As it happens, I wasn't in a mood for drinking, last night," Marion said.

The policeman stood down. Another took his place, the one who had arrested Marion in September. "It was 11.15 at night," he said.

"I was called by a bus conductor, who told me this woman had passed her fare stamp and refused to leave the bus or pay the excess fare."

Marion laughed so heartily at the memory of that night, that she fell into a fit of coughing.

ANY COUGH MIXTURE

"HEY," she said to the court in general. "You keep any cough mixture in this place?"

The court in general said nothing.

"What was she called in when she failed to appear?" asked the magistrate. "No one knew," said Mr. Bertman.

"Nine convictions for drunkenness this year," the magistrate said.

"This time," the magistrate said to Marion, "you will pay 10s on each of the two charges, or go to prison for 14 days."

"Bliss my soul, the things you men say," cried Marion. She was shown out, and her laughter ran up and down the scale as she disappeared into the gloom where solemn-faced men and women awaited their own trial upon much the same charges as these she had found so amusing.

Collapse Of Wall

This Morning's Evidence

A watchman at a demolition operation on a building in Stanton Street told Mr. W. F. Pickering at Central this morning that he noticed an old crack in the rear wall of the building stretching from the roof nearly to the ground.

This evidence was given in the case against an architect and two building contractors, who were summoned for alleged neglect to shore up a wall during the demolition of the building.

It is alleged that as a result of this the wall collapsed.

The architect is Steven Siu-lun Yue, who is represented by Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Messrs F. Zimmerman and Company.

Wong Yee-chung, one of the contractors, of 5 Bonham Strand East, second floor, is represented by Mr. Peter Mo.

The other contractor, Leung King, of 41 Marble Street, ground floor, is not legally represented.

WATCHMAN'S JOB

The watchman, Wong Ming, said that he knew Leung King, the contractor and was employed by him in March with other coolies to demolish a house in Macdonald Road.

Witness said that during this time he and a number of coolies went to 60 Stanton Street, which was being demolished.

His job, he said, was to see that the workmen placed no obstruction on the road so as to obstruct traffic.

He noticed an old black crack in the rear wall of the building in the kitchen. The crack he said was about 10 feet long and about half an inch wide. It stretched from the roof of the building to the height of a man on the ground floor.

Witness said that he noticed vertical shoring on the premises before they started to pull the place down, but he never noticed any like shoring on the premises.

Hearing is continuing.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Bill will be home for the holidays, don't forget! How are the brakes?"

A Recital Of Much Charm & Beauty

It is good to have that fine violinist and musician, Maurice Clare, among us again. Last night he gave the first of two recitals at Wah Yan College, with Mrs. Marta Zalan as his very able pianist.

Mr. Clare's programme was evenly divided between the well-known and the less familiar. In the latter category was the opening Duo for Piano and Violin by Schubert, not strictly speaking a sonata, but near enough, brimful of melody and animation, sometimes gay, sometimes wistful.

It was followed by Beethoven's famous "Kreutzer Sonata," dedicated to the composer and violinist of that name.

This is a remarkable work of technical character, where the two solo instrumental parts almost seem to be competing at times instead of aiming at complete accord. The slow movement — so typical of Beethoven — is, in contrast to the other two, gently lyrical and serene. Both players had a strong sense of the requirements of this splendid Sonata, which received a very satisfying performance.

VIGOROUS WORK

The first of Delius's three Sonatas for Violin and Piano followed. This is, for Delius, a surprisingly vigorous work, not at all reminiscent of his more amorphous, though always pleasing, compositions of other periods. There is no question of lack of concord here. Mr. Clare and Mrs. Zalan interpreted this emotional and exciting music with sincere understanding. Indeed, the word "understanding" applies to Maurice Clare's whole outlook; his excellent programme notes, too, show that he does not know the works simply as a violin player, but as a musician he is thoroughly at home with every bar, every development and every aspect of form.

The last item was Mendelssohn's Concerto in E minor. The piano arrangement of the orchestral part is Mendelssohn's own, and was very well carried out, but however good, one does miss the orchestra, especially at certain moments when one expects a strike of woodwind entry. In this Concerto, the solo violin enters almost immediately, unlike many concertos where there is a long orchestral introduction. Mr. Clare's tone at the opening was breath-takingly sweet, and throughout, this sweetness prevailed, always fresh and never sugary, like the music itself. Another wonderful passage was the series of light staccato arpeggios at the end of the cadenza in the first movement. Mr. Clare's bowing is a joy to watch too.

INTIMATE PLAYER

Maurice Clare is an intimate player, and one of the secrets of his charm is that he seems to be playing as one listener put it, to a company of friendly, not to an anonymous and impersonal audience.

His second concert, on Wednesday, December 21, at the

DEFENCE COUNSEL'S SUBMISSION

Lantao Not Part Of The Queen's Dominions

A submission that the Court had no jurisdiction to try three accused persons on the ground that the places where the offences were alleged to have been committed were outside the jurisdiction of the Colony was made before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Puisne Judge, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The submission was made by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr L. J. d'Almada Remedios, prior to the trial of three men accused of robbery with aggravation and possession of arms and ammunition.

The accused were Fung Yau-tai, 32, hawker; Fung Woon-ho, alias, Fui Tsai, 17, fisherman; and Fung Yung-kan, alias Fung Yiu-ling, 34, unemployed.

All three were charged with robbing Cheung Hung of 700 taels of gold in 120 bars on board a fishing vessel on August 31, 1955. First and second accused were further charged with possession on September 14, 1955, of one mauler pistol, one revolver, two rifles, one shotgun, 285 rounds of rifle ammunition, 14 cartridges, and nine rounds of mauler pistol ammunition without a licence.

Mr Leong appeared for the first accused. Second and third accused were not represented by Counsel.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, Div. Det. Insp. F. Inge-Buckingham was present for the Police.

Members of the Jury who were summoned to the Court were requested to return at 2.30 p.m. today.

POINT OF LAW

Mr Leong told his Lordship that before the Jury was empanelled he had a preliminary point of law to make. It was "the respectful submission of the Defence that this Court has no jurisdiction to try the first accused or for that matter all the accused on both the indictments on the ground that the places where the two offences were alleged to have been committed were outside the jurisdiction of this Colony."

Counsel said that the offence concerning the first indictment was alleged to have taken place at a point southwest of Lantao Island at a position Lat. 22 deg. 40' N. and Long. 113 deg. 50' E. This point, said Counsel, was on the south-west tip of Lantao about 200 or 300 yards, he understood, from the shore. He referred the Court to Oppenheim Public International Law 7th edition, page 407, which described three types of territorial holdings.

Mr Leong said that they were concerned only with the third type which was a piece of territory leased or pledged by the owner State to a foreign Power. He invited the Court to look at the next page where Great Britain leased a number of islands in the West Indies to the U.S. for 99 years. This was done, he said, in 1941 during the War when in exchange, Great Britain was to receive 50 destroyers from the U.S. These islands were leased to the US for one purpose only and that was for the use and operation of naval and air bases.

LANTAO'S HISTORY

Counsel next drew the Court's attention to the history of Lantao Island and how it came to be under British control.

This was done, he said, by convention between Queen Victoria and the Emperor of China in 1898 and the convention was signed at Peking on June 9, 1898.

Counsel quoted the preamble of the convention as follows: "Whereas it has for many years past been recognised that an extension of Hongkong territory is necessary for the proper defence and protection of the Colony..." He said that at this stage he could draw an analogy with Lantao and those islands in the West Indies to which he had referred.

The terms of the two leases, namely the American lease and the Chinese lease, were the same, both for 99 years, he said.

After reading further from the convention, Mr Leong said that the convention did not mention what the places were to be leased. It simply said "to be surveyed later."

Counsel next referred his Lordship to volume 2 of Norton-Kynce on the history of Laws in force of Hongkong and to an answer by Mr. Curzon to Mr. R. G. Webster who asked a

100 Years Ago

A party of naval and military officers, eight in number, on Tuesday night, forced their way into a house in Wellington Street, by breaking down the door. The inmates called out for assistance, and on the police interfering, a European was knocked down, and an Indian cut across the face with a stick. Inspector Jarman managed, however, to secure the whole of the party, and next morning they were held before the Assistant Magistrate, and fined, — two of them £5 each — in default, a week's imprisonment, and a third £5; the others were discharged. At home, Hardwick would probably have sent such offenders to Bridewell; but here a Mitchell seems to look on such affront as mere practical jokes, amply compensated by a fine which the jokers can easily pay. — £5 or one week's imprisonment, for breaking into a house, felling one policeman, and cutting open the face of another!

With officers and gentlemen in our Police Court, we suppose a week's imprisonment is the equivalent of a £5 fine, which the Magistrate is pretty certain will be paid, even with the easy alternative of a few days in gaol. But to us, and probably to most of our readers, this was a case in which the punishment ought to have been imprisonment for a month at least, without any alternative; and the next time such a case occurs, (it is by no means unprecedented,) we shall endeavour to rectify the failure of justice, by publishing the names and designations of the parties concerned.

THE PRAIA

A correspondent discusses at some length the subject of the Praia, and effectually disposes of most of the discordant objections of its opponents, who have at length published in the Illegator an official report of the proceedings at their meeting, affecting in several important respects from the previous report by one of their own body. Our correspondent, writing on the 6th, necessarily took it as the groundwork of his remarks, and from what we have heard from persons present at the meeting, it gives the sentiments of some of the leading men actually expressed at the meeting more correctly than the later combed and dressed version, which omits some important points altogether, as if, upon consideration, it had been thought imprudent to urge them just at present.

The meeting appointed a committee of six to frame a Memorial and wait upon the Governor, to state "the opinions of the majority personally interested in the proposed measure." The interview took place on Tuesday, there being present, on the part of the Government, Sir John Bowring, the Colonial Secretary, the Surveyor General, the Treasurer, and the Attorney General; and of the Committee, Messrs. Autoubu, Stungs, Melra, and Block, of whom, strange to say, only one was an Englishman, the other three being foreigners, an American, a Portuguese, and a Dane, who came to remonstrate with the Queen's representative on a matter most especially affecting Her Majesty's Imperial rights and privileges.

NOT CONVINCED

We do not learn that any police was taken of the anomaly at the interview, during which the anti-monetarists supported their case with such arguments as pass current among themselves, but which it seems, did not suffice to convince the Governor, who told the deputations that the Government had determined on having a Praia, though the plan and mode of execution had not been definitely settled, and his Excellency would be glad to receive from them, or from others, any suggestions calculated to facilitate the work; but while he must act for the general benefit of the community, they admittedly represented their own exclusive interests.

It would thus appear that the opposition has not been very successful, and by and by it may be found that its only effect will be to render the position of the marine lot holders worse than it might have been.

TAKEN TO TASK

Last week, on the evening of our publication day, we received another letter from Mr. Mitchell, in which he takes us to task for not giving precedence in his communication over other matters, and for desiring to become, in his medium, the publication of calumnious charges, and his personal assurance that "shoulder is broad enough to bear the brunt of the law for libel, and slanders."

Both letters will appear at our convenience — not, however, unless Mr. Mitchell can get them inserted in some other journal.

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